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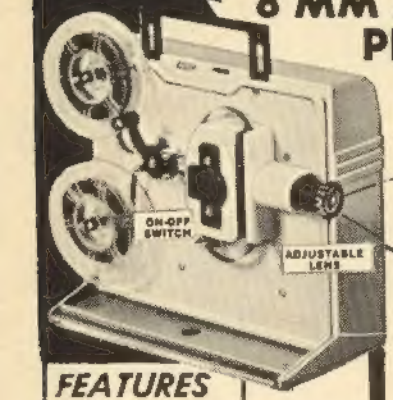

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WE WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN THIS SCENE NOW! IT WILL BE MADE CLEAR TO YOU IN A LITTLE WHILE -- STARKLY, SINISTERLY CLEAR!
I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT HERE... BUT NO MATTER HOW COLD IT GETS -- NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO TO ME -- I'LL NEVER TELL HYDRA ABOUT BRAINO-SAUR!
SO LONG AS TONY STARK HAS THE SECRET, THERE'S STILL A CHANCE OF SMASHING THEIR BOMB!
AND SHIELD AINT GONNA LOSE THAT CHANCE JUST ON ACCOUNTA ONE JOE LIKE ME!
WRITTEN BY.....STAN LEE
LAID-OUT BY.....JACK KIRBY
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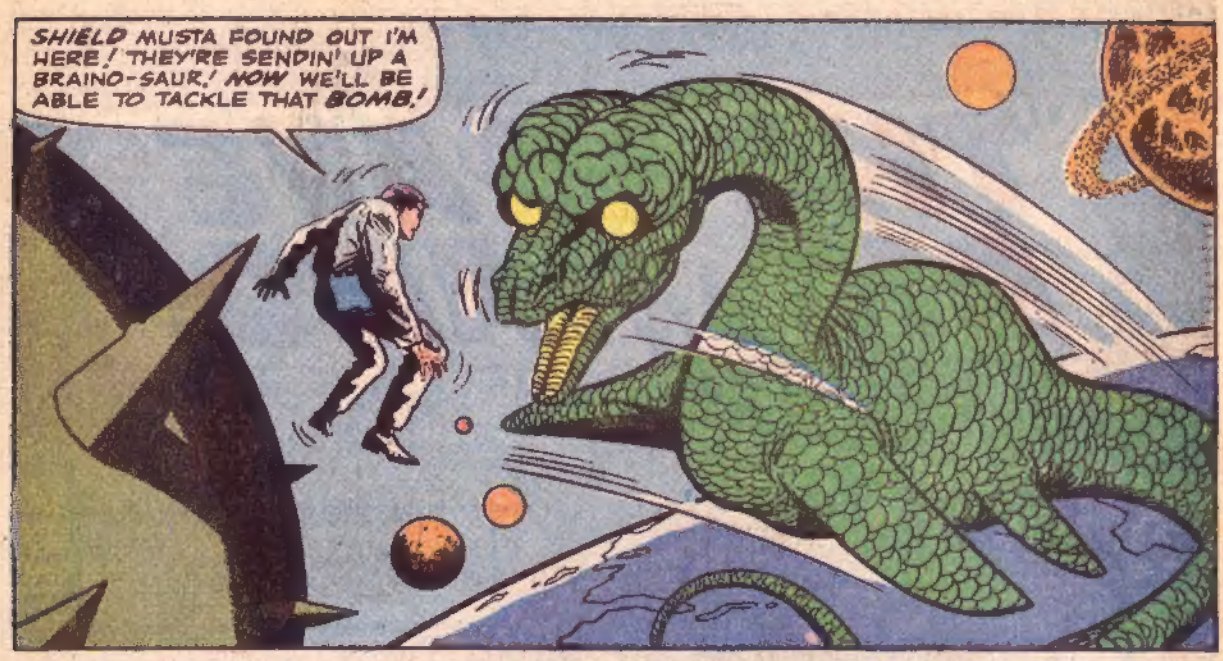
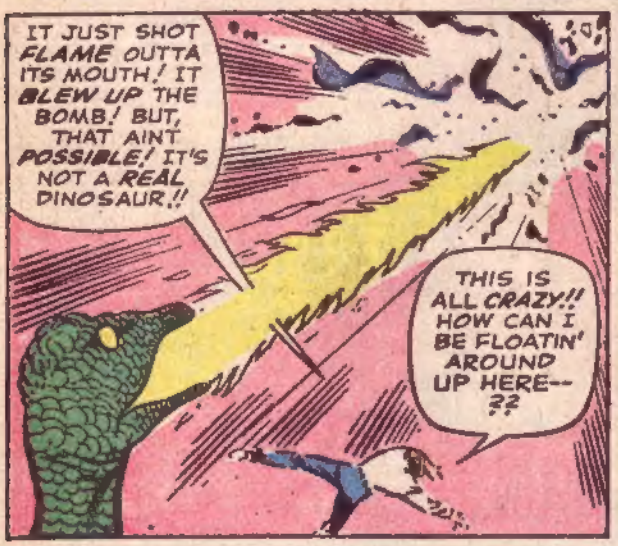
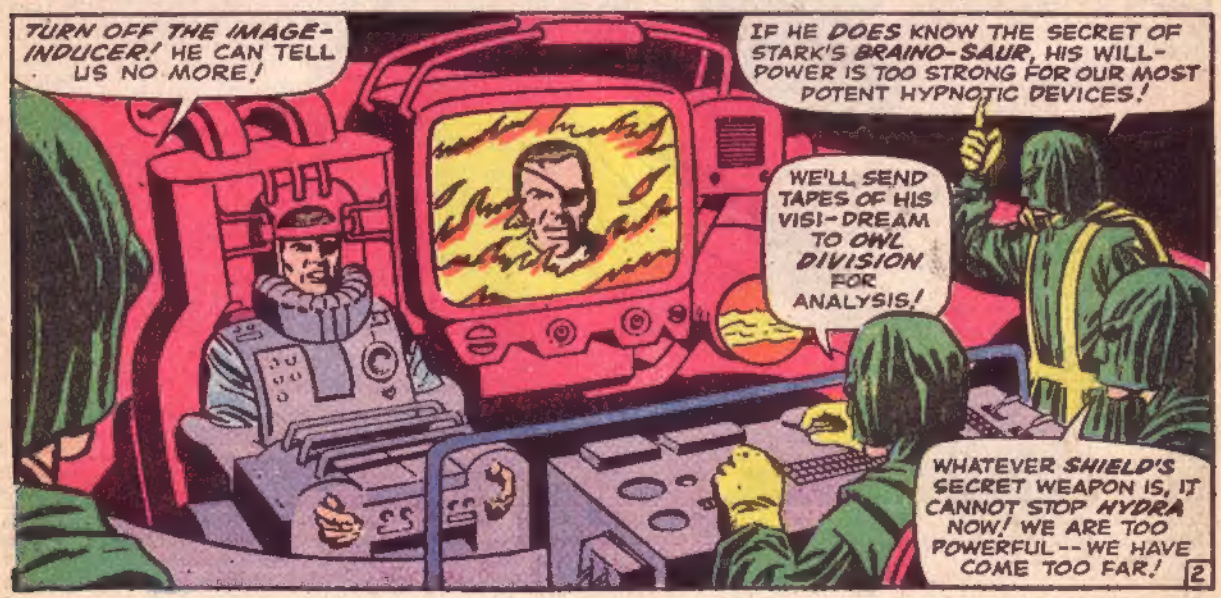
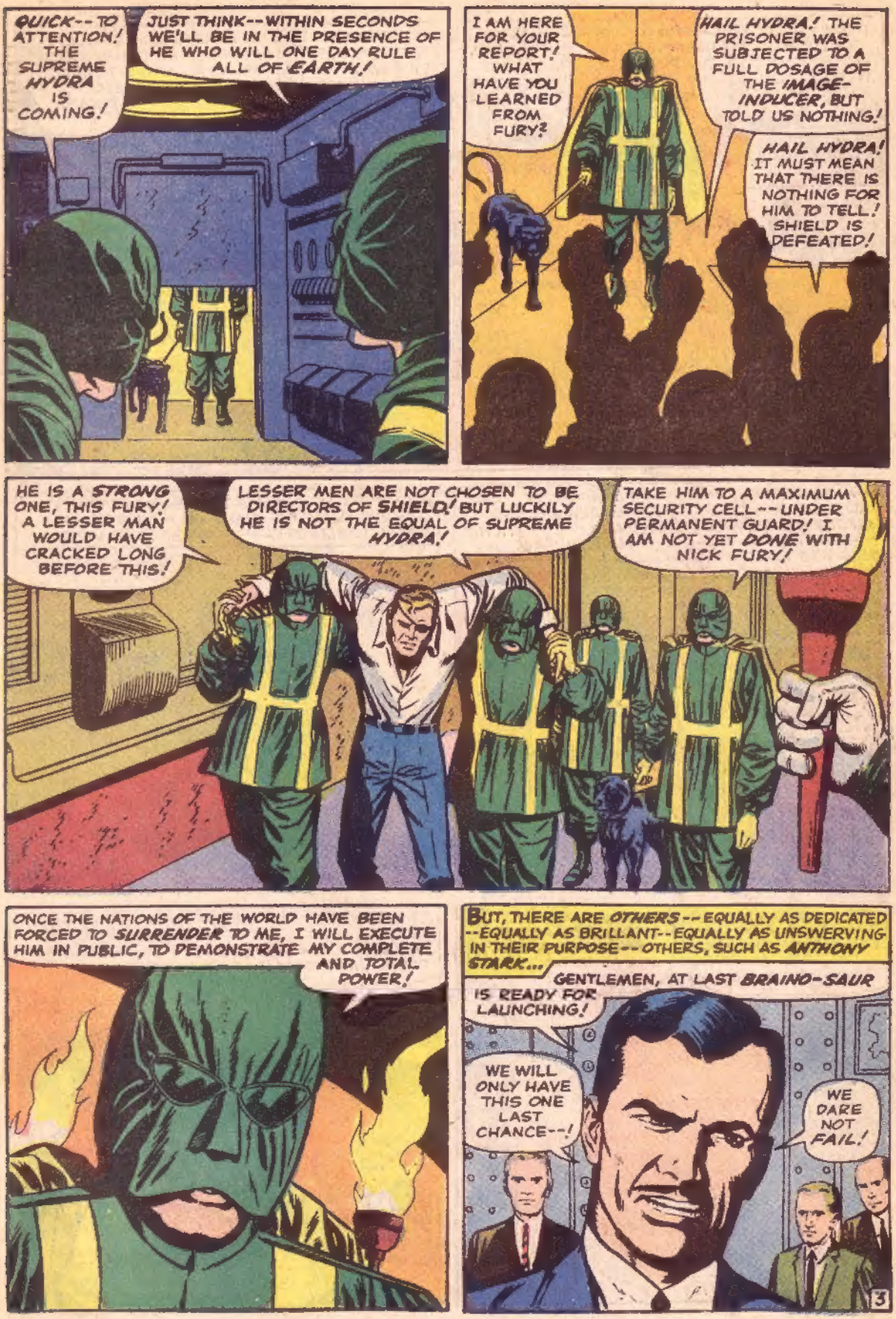

SHIELD MUSTA FOUND OUT I'M HERE! THEY'RE SENDIN' UP A BRAINO-SAUR! NOW WE'LL BE ABLE TO TACKLE THAT BOMB!


IT JUST SHOT FLAME OUTTA ITS MOUTH! IT BLEW UP THE BOMB! BUT, THAT AINT POSSIBLE! IT'S NOT A REAL DINOSAUR!!
THIS IS ALL CRAZY!! HOW CAN I BE FLOATIN' AROUND UP HERE-- ??

NOW THE HEAT'S ALL AROUND ME! FIRST I WAS FREEZIN'-- NOW I'M ROASTIN'!!
IT'S LIKE SOME KINDA NUTTY DREAM! BUT I CAN'T WAKE UP! I CAN'T GET OUT OF IT!!


TURN OFF THE IMAGE-INDUCER! HE CAN TELL US NO MORE!
IF HE DOES KNOW THE SECRET OF STARK'S BRAINO-SAUR, HIS WILL-POWER IS TOO STRONG FOR OUR MOST POTENT HYPNOTIC DEVICES!
WE'LL SEND TAPES OF HIS VISI-DREAM TO OWL DIVISION FOR ANALYSIS!
WHATEVER SHIELD'S SECRET WEAPON IS, IT CANNOT STOP HYDRA NOW! WE ARE TOO POWERFUL-- WE HAVE COME TOO FAR!


QUICK--TO ATTENTION! THE SUPREME HYDRA IS COMING!
JUST THINK--WITHIN SECONDS WE'LL BE IN THE PRESENCE OF HE WHO WILL ONE DAY RULE ALL OF EARTH!
I AM HERE FOR YOUR REPORT! WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM FURY?
HAIL HYDRA! THE PRISONER WAS SUBJECTED TO A FULL DOSAGE OF THE IMAGE-INDUCER, BUT TOLD US NOTHING!
HAIL HYDRA! IT MUST MEAN THAT THERE IS NOTHING FOR HIM TO TELL! SHIELD IS DEFEATED!
HE IS A STRONG ONE, THIS FURY! A LESSER MAN WOULD HAVE CRACKED LONG BEFORE THIS!
LESSER MEN ARE NOT CHOSEN TO BE DIRECTORS OF SHIELD! BUT LUCKILY HE IS NOT THE EQUAL OF SUPREME HYDRA!
TAKE HIM TO A MAXIMUM SECURITY CELL--UNDER PERMANENT GUARD! I AM NOT YET DONE WITH NICK FURY!
ONCE THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO SURRENDER TO ME, I WILL EXECUTE HIM IN PUBLIC, TO DEMONSTRATE MY COMPLETE AND TOTAL POWER!
BUT, THERE ARE OTHERS--EQUALLY AS DEDICATED--EQUALLY AS BRILLANT--EQUALLY AS UNSWERVING IN THEIR PURPOSE--OTHERS, SUCH AS ANTHONY STARK...
GENTLEMEN, AT LAST BRAINO-SAUR IS READY FOR LAUNCHING!
WE WILL ONLY HAVE THIS ONE LAST CHANCE--!
WE DARE NOT FAIL!
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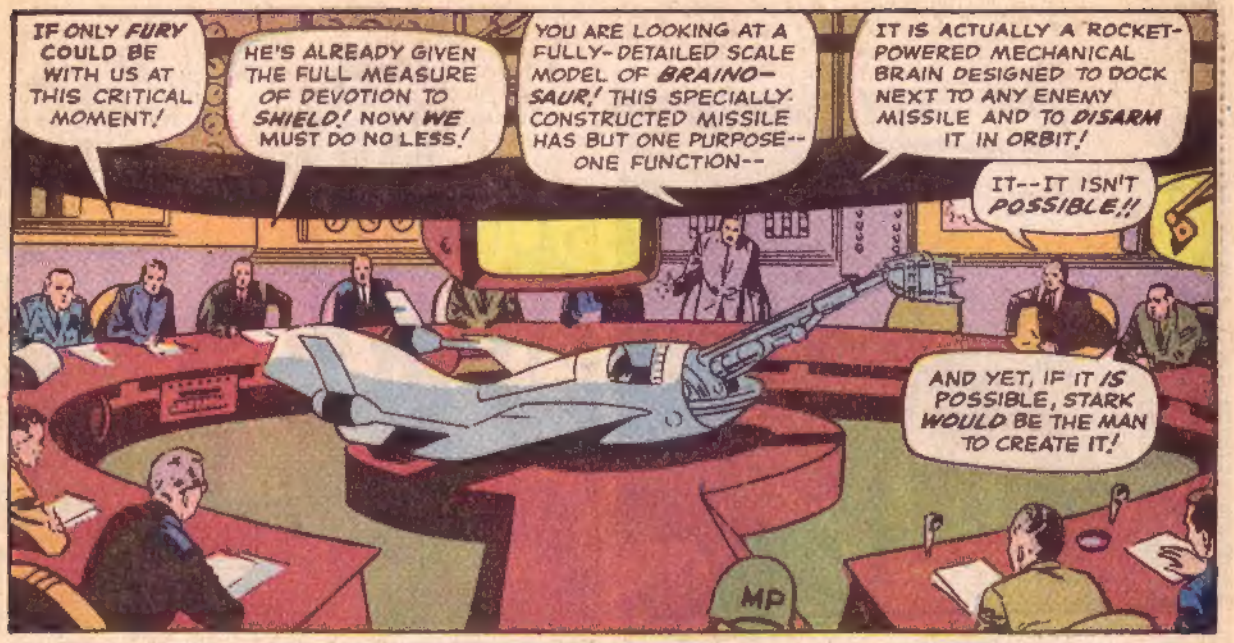
IF ONLY FURY COULD BE WITH US AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT!
HE'S ALREADY GIVEN THE FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION TO SHIELD! NOW WE MUST DO NO LESS!
YOU ARE LOOKING AT A FULLY-DETAILED SCALE MODEL OF BRAINO-SAUR! THIS SPECIALLY-CONSTRUCTED MISSILE HAS BUT ONE PURPOSE--ONE FUNCTION--
IT IS ACTUALLY A ROCKET-POWERED MECHANICAL BRAIN DESIGNED TO DOCK NEXT TO ANY ENEMY MISSILE AND TO DISARM IT IN ORBIT!
IT--IT ISN'T POSSIBLE!!
AND YET, IF IT IS POSSIBLE, STARK WOULD BE THE MAN TO CREATE IT!
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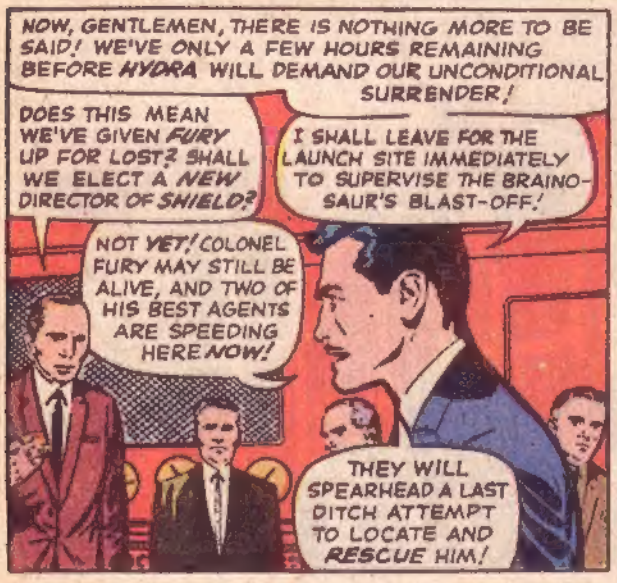
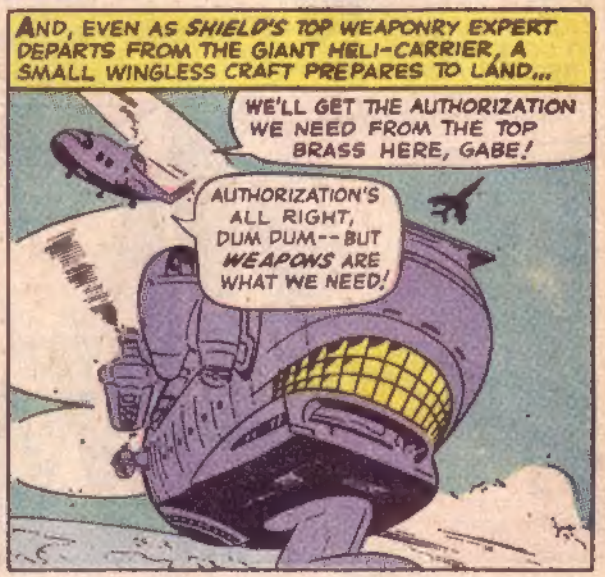
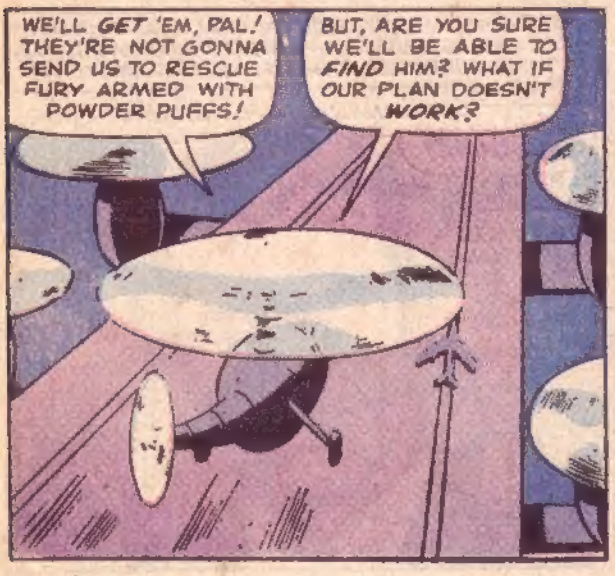
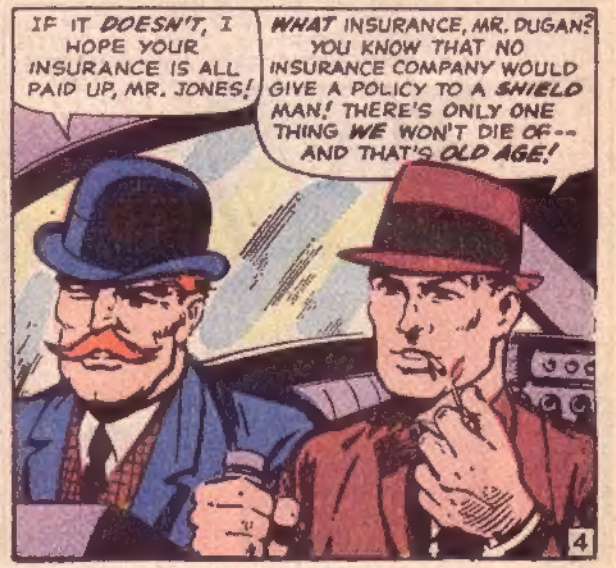

NOW, GENTLEMEN, THERE IS NOTHING MORE TO BE SAID! WE'VE ONLY A FEW HOURS REMAINING BEFORE HYDRA WILL DEMAND OUR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER!
DOES THIS MEAN WE'VE GIVEN FURY UP FOR LOST? SHALL WE ELECT A NEW DIRECTOR OF SHIELD?
I SHALL LEAVE FOR THE LAUNCH SITE IMMEDIATELY TO SUPERVISE THE BRAINO-SAUR'S BLAST-OFF!
NOT YET! COLONEL FURY MAY STILL BE ALIVE, AND TWO OF HIS BEST AGENTS ARE SPEEDING HERE NOW!
THEY WILL SPEARHEAD A LAST DITCH ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND RESCUE HIM!


AND, EVEN AS SHIELD'S TOP WEAPONRY EXPERT DEPARTS FROM THE GIANT HELI-CARRIER, A SMALL WINGLESS CRAFT PREPARES TO LAND...
WE'LL GET THE AUTHORIZATION WE NEED FROM THE TOP BRASS HERE, GABE!
AUTHORIZATION'S ALL RIGHT, DUM DUM--BUT WEAPONS ARE WHAT WE NEED!


WE'LL GET 'EM, PAL! THEY'RE NOT GONNA SEND US TO RESCUE FURY ARMED WITH POWDER PUFFS!
BUT, ARE YOU SURE WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND HIM? WHAT IF OUR PLAN DOESN'T WORK?


IF IT DOESN'T, I HOPE YOUR INSURANCE IS ALL PAID UP, MR. JONES!
WHAT INSURANCE, MR. DUGAN? YOU KNOW THAT NO INSURANCE COMPANY WOULD GIVE A POLICY TO A SHIELD MAN! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE WON'T DIE OF--AND THAT'S OLD AGE!
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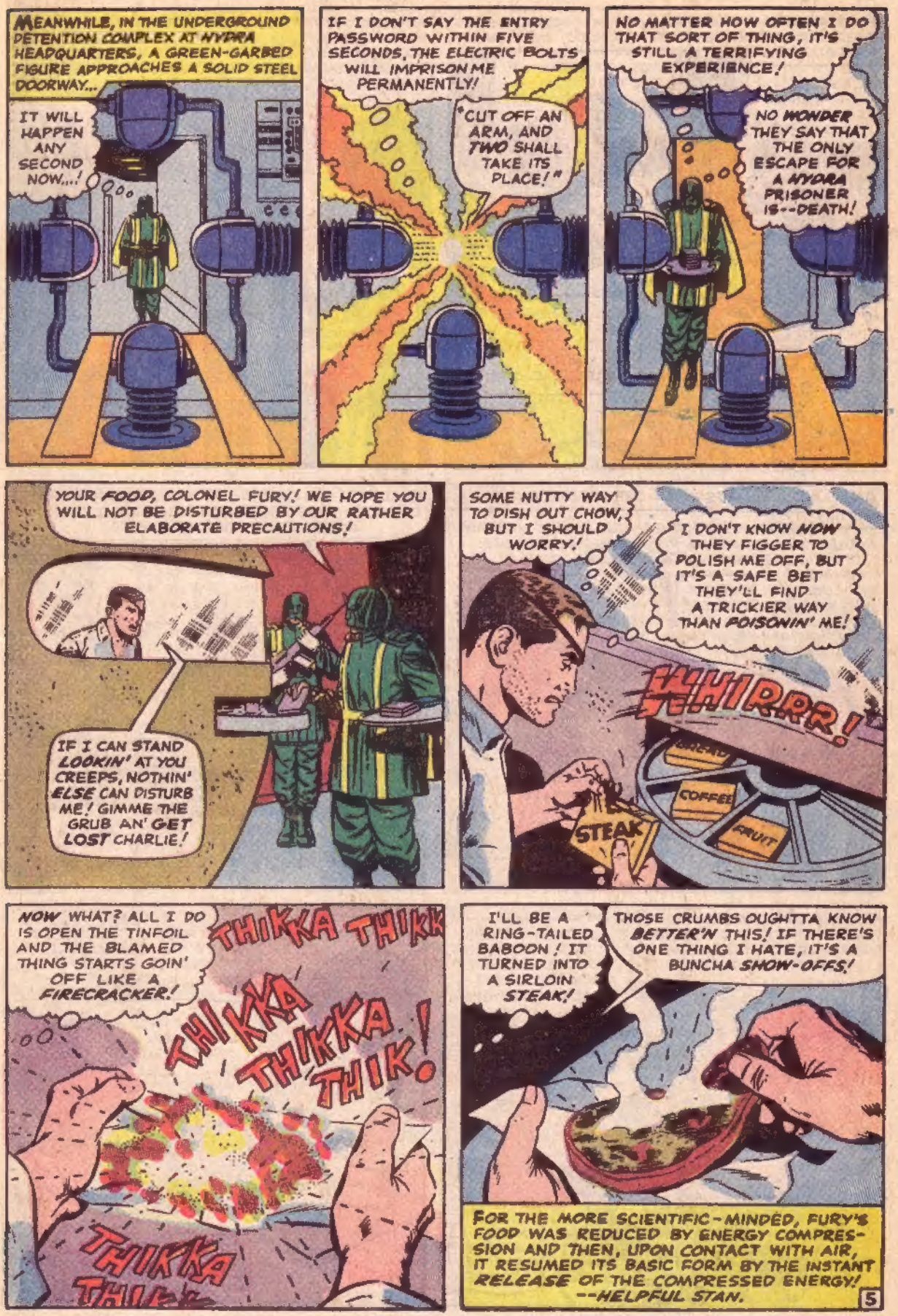
MEANWHILE, IN THE UNDERGROUND DETENTION COMPLEX AT HYDRA HEADQUARTERS, A GREEN-GARBED FIGURE APPROACHES A SOLID STEEL DOORWAY...
IT WILL HAPPEN ANY SECOND NOW...!
IF I DON'T SAY THE ENTRY PASSWORD WITHIN FIVE SECONDS, THE ELECTRIC BOLTS WILL IMPRISON ME PERMANENTLY!
"CUT OFF AN ARM, AND TWO SHALL TAKE ITS PLACE!"
NO MATTER HOW OFTEN I DO THAT SORT OF THING, IT'S STILL A TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE!
NO WONDER THEY SAY THAT THE ONLY ESCAPE FOR A HYDRA PRISONER IS--DEATH!
YOUR FOOD, COLONEL FURY! WE HOPE YOU WILL NOT BE DISTURBED BY OUR RATHER ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS!
IF I CAN STAND LOOKIN' AT YOU CREEPS, NOTHIN' ELSE CAN DISTURB ME! GIMME THE GRUB AN' GET LOST CHARLIE!
SOME NUTTY WAY TO DISH OUT CHOW, BUT I SHOULD WORRY!
I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY FIGGER TO POLISH ME OFF, BUT IT'S A SAFE BET THEY'LL FIND A TRICKIER WAY THAN POISONIN' ME!
THHRRR!
BREAD
COFFEE
FRUIT
STEAK
NOW WHAT? ALL I DO IS OPEN THE TINFOIL AND THE BLAMED THING STARTS GOIN' OFF LIKE A FIRECRACKER!
THIKKA THIKK
THIKKA THIKKA THIK!
THIKKA THIKK
I'LL BE A RING-TAILED BABOON! IT TURNED INTO A SIRLOIN STEAK!
THOSE CRUMBS OUGHTTA KNOW BETTER'N THIS! IF THERE'S ONE THING I HATE, IT'S A BUNCHA SHOW-OFFS!
FOR THE MORE SCIENTIFIC-MINDED, FURY'S FOOD WAS REDUCED BY ENERGY COMPRESSION AND THEN, UPON CONTACT WITH AIR, IT RESUMED ITS BASIC FORM BY THE INSTANT RELEASE OF THE COMPRESSED ENERGY!
--HELPFUL STAN.
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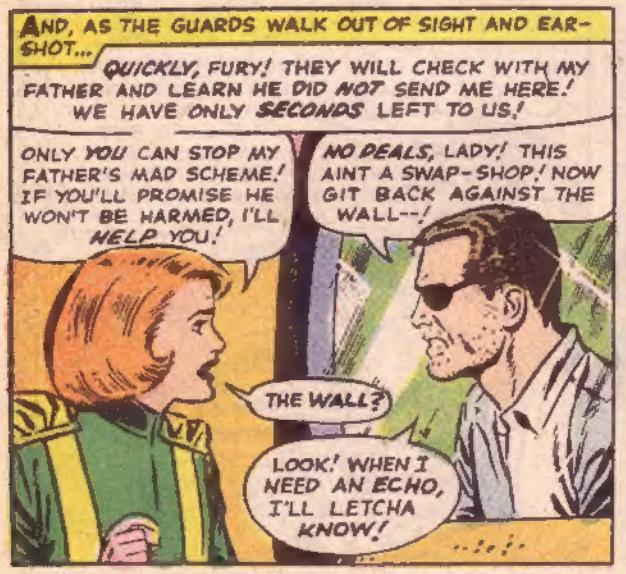
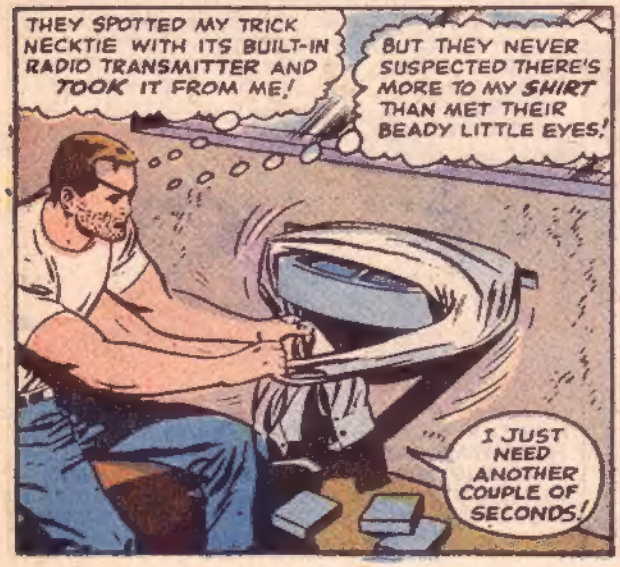
THEN, AS NICK FURY EATS HIS STEAK, SANDWICH-STYLE, THE HYDRA AGENT REMOVES HER HOOD, AND STANDS REVEALED AS...
AGENT G!! THE DAUGHTER OF SUPREME HYDRA!!
I WISH TO SPEAK TO THE PRISONER --- ALONE!
HOW ABOUT THAT?!!
IT IS FORBIDDEN! AND YET--NONE MAY REFUSE THE DAUGHTER OF THE SUPREME ONE!

OBEY ME INSTANTLY, YOU CLODS, OR ELSE YOU SHALL ANSWER TO MY FATHER FOR YOUR INSOLENCE!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DO AS YOU SAY-- BUT, WE SHALL SUBMIT A FULL REPORT THRU CHANNELS!
WE SHALL LEAVE-- BUT WE SHALL NOT BE FAR! HAIL HYDRA!


AND, AS THE GUARDS WALK OUT OF SIGHT AND EAR-SHOT...
QUICKLY, FURY! THEY WILL CHECK WITH MY FATHER AND LEARN HE DID NOT SEND ME HERE! WE HAVE ONLY SECONDS LEFT TO US!
ONLY YOU CAN STOP MY FATHER'S MAD SCHEME! IF YOU'LL PROMISE HE WON'T BE HARMED, I'LL HELP YOU!
NO DEALS, LADY! THIS AINT A SWAP-SHOP! NOW GIT BACK AGAINST THE WALL--!
THE WALL?
LOOK! WHEN I NEED AN ECHO, I'LL LETCHA KNOW!

THAT'S IT! STAY THERE, AS FAR FROM ME AS YOU CAN GET -- AND WHEN YOU HEAR ME YELL, COVER YOUR FACE AND EYES!
WHY? WHAT CAN YOU POSSIBLY DO?
THAT'S MY SECRET! NOW CLAM UP WHILE I GET TO WORK!
NO SENSE TELLIN' HER MORE'N SHE NEEDS TO KNOW! SHE COULD BE PART OF SOME NEW HYDRA TRAP!


THEY SPOTTED MY TRICK NECKTIE WITH ITS BUILT-IN RADIO TRANSMITTER AND TOOK IT FROM ME!
BUT THEY NEVER SUSPECTED THERE'S MORE TO MY SHIRT THAN MET THEIR BEADY LITTLE EYES!
I JUST NEED ANOTHER COUPLE OF SECONDS!

ALL I GOTTA DO IS USE THE RELEASED ENERGY OF THIS KOOKIE COFFEE PACK!! THERE! IT SET THE SHIRT ON FIRE EASY AS PIE!
NOW, LADY!! HUG THAT WALL AND HOLD TIGHT!
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I TIMED IT JUST RIGHT! I CAN HEAR THE SOFT PITTY-PAT OF THOSE HOODED GOONS RETURNING NOW!
A FIRE! HE'S UP TO SOMETHING!
HE'S WASTING HIS TIME! THAT CELL IS COMPLETELY FIRE-PROOF! HE CAN'T BURN HIS WAY OUT!
NO, BUT I CAN BLAST MY WAY OUT, SWEETIE! TOO BADJA DIDN'T KNOW MY SHIRT WAS SPECIALLY WOVEN OUTTA HIGH EXPLOSIVE THREADS!*
WHOOM!
*AS WE EXPLAINED IN SUCH GLOWING DETAIL JUST A COUPLE OF ISSUES AGO, REMEMBER? -- STAN AND JACK.
YOU DID IT, COLONEL FURY! YOU'RE THE ONLY LIVING MAN EVER TO BREAK OUT OF A HYDRA CELL!
GOODY GUMDROPS! MEBBE THEY'LL HIRE ME FOR "WHAT'S MY LINE?"
ALL RIGHT, LADY--IF YA MEANT THAT ABOUT HELPIN' ME, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE! GRAB SOME HARDWARE -- WE'RE GONNA BE NEEDIN' IT!
BUT, THE EXPLOSION WILL BRING OTHER HYDRA AGENTS!
TOUGH! AN' WE AINT EVEN GOT TIME TO BAKE A CAKE!
WHAT'S KEEPIN' DUM DUM AN' GABE? THEY SHOULDA FIGGERED OUT HOW TO FIND ME BY NOW!
AND, FOR THE ANSWER TO NICK FURY'S UNSPOKEN QUESTION, WE GO TO A HEAVILY-GUARDED SHIELD AIRFIELD OUTSIDE OF BALTIMORE...
MOVE IT, YOU GUYS! FURY DON'T LIKE TA BE KEPT WAITIN'!
LUCKY WE CAPTURED THIS HYDRA-RAM A FEW MONTHS AGO!* BY GOIN' OVER ITS AUTOMATIC GUIDANCE SYSTEM WITH A FINE-TOOTH COMB, OUR SHIELD WHIZ KIDS WERE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHERE IT CAME FROM!
C'MON! HUSTLE IT UP! YER WORKIN' FOR SHIELD NOW!
SO NOW WE CAN GUESS WHERE FURY IS!
*IN ISH #136 OF STRANGE TALES, TO BE EXACT! --FOOTNOTE-HAPPY STAN!
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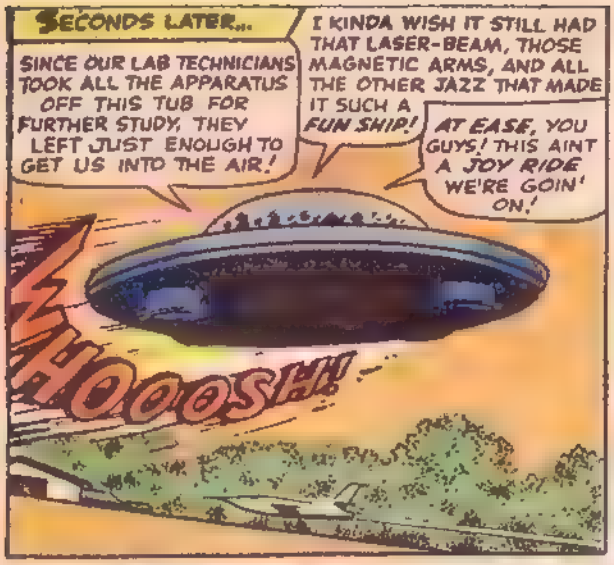
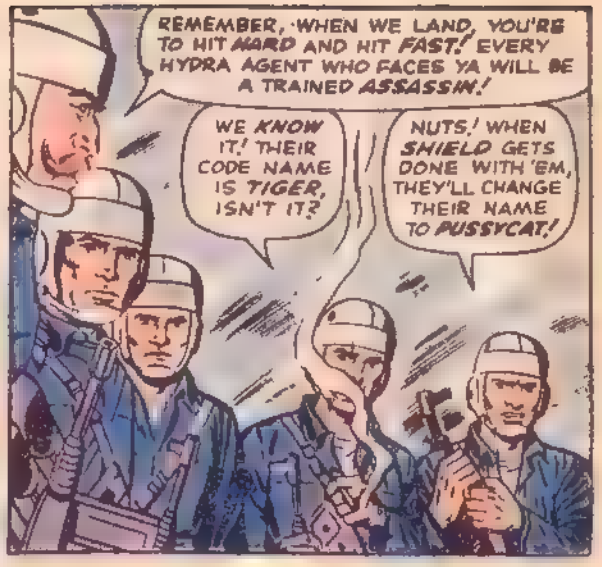
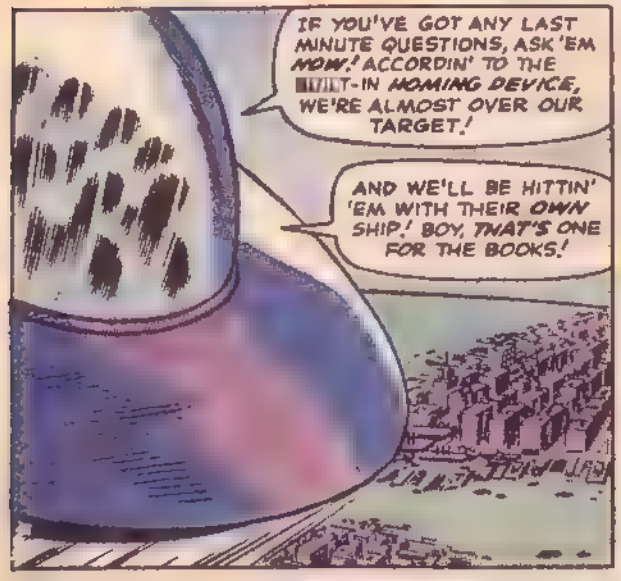
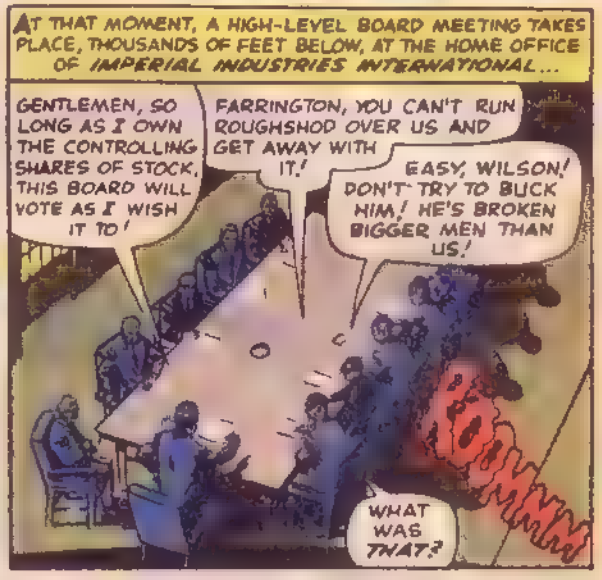

SECONDS LATER...
SINCE OUR LAB TECHNICIANS TOOK ALL THE APPARATUS OFF THIS TUB FOR FURTHER STUDY, THEY LEFT JUST ENOUGH TO GET US INTO THE AIR!
I KINDA WISH IT STILL HAD THAT LASER-BEAM, THOSE MAGNETIC ARMS, AND ALL THE OTHER JAZZ THAT MADE IT SUCH A FUN SHIP!
AT EASE, YOU GUYS! THIS AINT A JOY RIDE WE'RE GOIN' ON!
WHOOOSH!


REMEMBER, WHEN WE LAND, YOU'RE TO HIT HARD AND HIT FAST! EVERY HYDRA AGENT WHO FACES YA WILL BE A TRAINED ASSASSIN!
WE KNOW IT! THEIR CODE NAME IS TIGER, ISN'T IT?
NUTS! WHEN SHIELD GETS DONE WITH 'EM, THEY'LL CHANGE THEIR NAME TO PUSSYCAT!


IF YOU'VE GOT ANY LAST MINUTE QUESTIONS, ASK 'EM NOW! ACCORDIN' TO THE BUILT-IN HOMING DEVICE, WE'RE ALMOST OVER OUR TARGET!
AND WE'LL BE HITTIN' 'EM WITH THEIR OWN SHIP! BOY, THAT'S ONE FOR THE BOOKS!


AT THAT MOMENT, A HIGH-LEVEL BOARD MEETING TAKES PLACE, THOUSANDS OF FEET BELOW, AT THE HOME OFFICE OF IMPERIAL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL...
GENTLEMEN, SO LONG AS I OWN THE CONTROLLING SHARES OF STOCK, THIS BOARD WILL VOTE AS I WISH IT TO!
FARRINGTON, YOU CAN'T RUN ROUGHSHOD OVER US AND GET AWAY WITH IT!
EASY, WILSON! DON'T TRY TO BUCK HIM! HE'S BROKEN BIGGER MEN THAN US!
KOWWW
WHAT WAS THAT?

DID YOU HEAR THAT, VANDERGILL?? IT SEEMED LIKE A DEEP UNDERGROUND EXPLOSION!
WE'RE ON THE PENTHOUSE FLOOR, SO WE CAN'T BE SURE--BUT I DON'T LIKE IT!

SOMETHING SERIOUS MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE BUILDING! I SUGGEST WE ADJOURN FOR NOW AND LOOK INTO IT!
NOBODY WILL LEAVE UNTIL I SAY SO! YOU'RE JUST A JUMPY RABBIT, WILSON!
SIT DOWN! WE HAVEN'T FINISHED OUR BUSINESS YET!

THE COLD-HEARTED PIRATE! HE'D WANT TO TALK BUSINESS WHILE THE WORLD BLOWS UP AROUND HIM!
I DON'T KNOW HOW ANY OF US CAN THINK OF BUSINESS WHILE HYDRA HAS A BOMB IN ORBIT ABOVE US!

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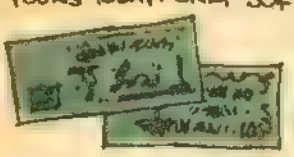

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BUT THEN, A SERIES OF VIOLENT TREMORS HIT THE BOARD ROOM...
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I DECLARE THE MEETING ADJOURNED! WE WILL RESUME TOMORROW!
FARRINGTON! YOU CAN'T KEEP US HERE ANY LONGER!
ROOOMMMM!
ROOOMMMM!
THEN, AFTER EVERYONE HAS LEFT...
IT MUST BE FURY! HE'S MANAGED TO BREAK OUT! BUT--NOW??
HAIL HYDRA! THE PRISONER HAS BOLTED FROM HIS CELL!
I KNOW THAT, YOU FOOL! WHY HAVE YOU NOT SUMMONED THE TIGER DIVISION??
SUPREME HYDRA, I DARED NOT! YOUR DAUGHTER IS WITH HIM --AND THE TIGER DIVISION IS MERCILESS!
MY DAUGHTER! THEN THAT MUST BE HOW HE ESCAPED! THERE'S NO OTHER WAY! SHE MUST HAVE HELPED HIM!
I CAN'T ORDER THE TIGER DIVISION AFTER THEM! IT WOULD BE LIKE SENTENCING MY OWN DAUGHTER TO DEATH!
BUT FURY WON'T GET FAR! RELEASE THE MECHANICAL HUNTER!
GOOD! IT'S READY TO GO!
NOTHING CAN ESCAPE THE HUNTER! ITS RADAR EQUIPMENT AND BUILT-IN WEAPONS MAKE IT THE SUPREME MECHANIZED WEAPON!
SET IT ON AUTOMATIC!! NOW!
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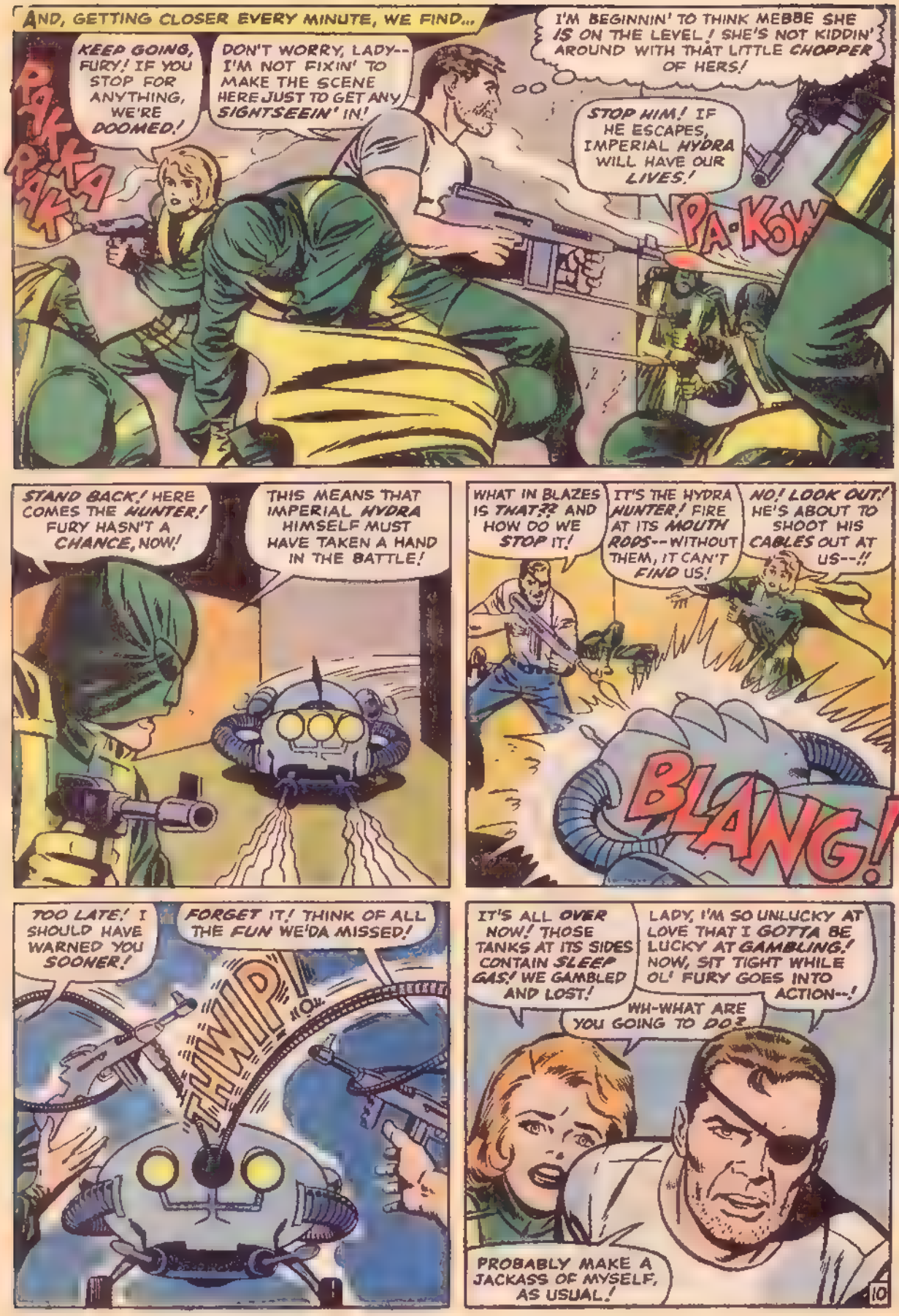
AND, GETTING CLOSER EVERY MINUTE, WE FIND...
KEEP GOING, FURY! IF YOU STOP FOR ANYTHING, WE'RE DOOMED!
DON'T WORRY, LADY--I'M NOT FIXIN' TO MAKE THE SCENE HERE JUST TO GET ANY SIGHTSEEIN' IN!
I'M BEGINNIN' TO THINK MEBBE SHE IS ON THE LEVEL! SHE'S NOT KIDDIN' AROUND WITH THAT LITTLE CHOPPER OF HERS!
STOP HIM! IF HE ESCAPES, IMPERIAL HYDRA WILL HAVE OUR LIVES!
PAK KA PAK
PA-KOW
STAND BACK! HERE COMES THE HUNTER! FURY HASN'T A CHANCE, NOW!
THIS MEANS THAT IMPERIAL HYDRA HIMSELF MUST HAVE TAKEN A HAND IN THE BATTLE!
WHAT IN BLAZES IS THAT?! AND HOW DO WE STOP IT!
IT'S THE HYDRA HUNTER! FIRE AT ITS MOUTH RODS--WITHOUT THEM, IT CAN'T FIND US!
NO! LOOK OUT! HE'S ABOUT TO SHOOT HIS CABLES OUT AT US--!!
BLANG!
TOO LATE! I SHOULD HAVE WARNED YOU SOONER!
FORGET IT! THINK OF ALL THE FUN WE'DA MISSED!
THWIP!
IT'S ALL OVER NOW! THOSE TANKS AT ITS SIDES CONTAIN SLEEP GAS! WE GAMBLED AND LOST!
LADY, I'M SO UNLUCKY AT LOVE THAT I GOTTA BE LUCKY AT GAMBLING! NOW, SIT TIGHT WHILE OL' FURY GOES INTO ACTION--!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
PROBABLY MAKE A JACKASS OF MYSELF, AS USUAL!

IF I COULDN'T BLAST ITS SENSORS WITH MY GUN, MEBBE I CAN WRECK 'EM WITH MY PAWS! HERE GOES--!
NO! YOU CAN'T FIGHT IT! YOUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO RUN!
LOOK OUT FOR ITS CABLES AGAIN!
GRABBING THE AMAZING MACHINE'S SENSORS WITH HIS BARE HANDS, NICK FURY HANGS ON FOR DEAR LIFE AS THE POWERFUL HUNTER TRIES TO BREAK HIS GRIP--!
WHAM!
LET GO! LET GO! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE!
WHILE, FROM A SAFE VANTAGE POINT IN ANOTHER AREA OF HIS HYDRA HEADQUARTERS, TWO COLD, GLOATING EYES WATCH THE ENTIRE TABLEAU...
ONCE FURY IS FINISHED, I'LL HAVE MY DAUGHTER BROUGHT TO ME, AND GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!
WAIT! THERE'S AN ALARM SIGNAL-- FROM SECTOR SEVEN! I'D BETTER TUNE IN--
MY LOST HYDRA-RAM-- WITH ALL THE EXTRA WEAPONS REMOVED, TO GIVE IT SPEED! BUT, MY GUARDS ARE FIRING AT IT!! WHY?!
KLIK!
A SECOND LATER, WATCHING THE SCREEN IN WIDE-EYED DISBELIEF, IMPERIAL HYDRA RECEIVES HIS ANSWER...
WAH-HOOOO!
OKAY, YOU GUYS, LET'S GET 'EM!!
FOR COLONEL FURY!
BA-KOW
THOKKA
THOKKA
BA-K

FEELING THE FIRST FAINT GLIMMER OF PANIC, IMPERIAL HYDRA RUSHES TO HIS MASTER CONTROL ROOM, WHERE WE FIND...
ONLY MY TIGER DIVISION HAS THE POWER TO STOP THE AGENT OF SHIELD!
THERE'S NO HELP FOR IT,!! I'VE NO OTHER CHOICE! FURY MUST NOT ESCAPE!
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PLANNING STAFF OWL
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ENGINEER BEAVER
SUPPLY CAMEL
AIR ACTION FALCON
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TIGER DIVISION REPORTING AS ORDERED!
THERE IS AN ESCAPED PRISONER IN SECTION 4--SEE THAT HE DOES NOT LEAVE THIS BUILDING ALIVE!
HAIL HYDRA!
MY OWN DAUGHTER --HELPING MY WORST ENEMY TO ESCAPE! WHY DID SHE DO IT? WHERE HAVE I FAILED AS A FATHER?
I WANTED TO GIVE HER THE WORLD-- AND NOW SHE BETRAYS ME!
HAIL HYDRA!
NOW THAT TIGER DIVISION IS RELEASED, FURY'S MINUTES ARE NUMBERED!
ALL I CAN DO IS WAIT, AND PRAY THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN THE CAUSE OF MY OWN DAUGHTER'S DEATH!
HAIL HYDRA!
AND, IN A SHIELD OBSERVATORY, WE FIND...
SO LONG AS THAT BETATRON BOMB HOVERS ABOVE US, WE'RE AT THE MERCY OF HYDRA!
WE CAN'T SHOOT IT DOWN, BECAUSE THE FALLOUT WOULD COVER THE EARTH!
ONLY BRAINO-SAUR CAN REACH IT NOW!
PRIORITY A-1
NEXT! THE ONE YOU DARE NOT MISS! THE LONG-AWAITED END OF HYDRA -- AS ONLY MIGHTY MARVEL CAN PRESENT IT!
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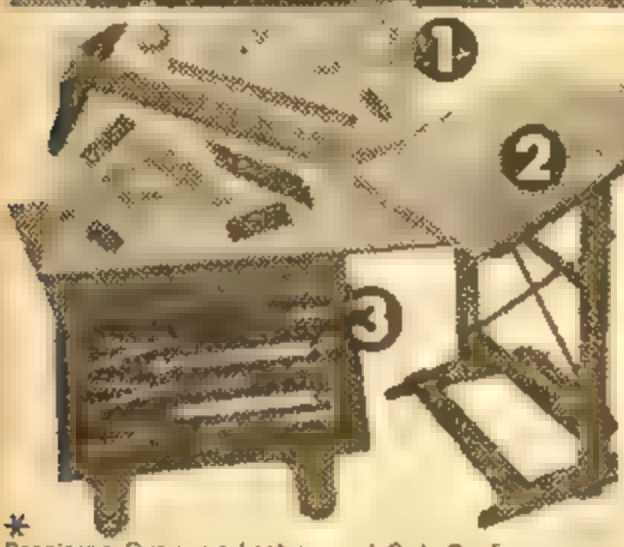

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IT'S EMITTING COMA GAS! ONCE WE INHALE IT, WE'LL BE FINISHED!
THANKS FOR THE WARNIN', LADY! NOW, ALL WE GOTTA DO IS STOP BREATHIN' FOR THE NEXT COUPLA HOURS!
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THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO STOP IT! THERE MUST BE!
MEBBE THERE IS, KID... BUT THAT AIN'T IT!
THANG!
HEY! LOOK OUT! ANOTHER BLASTED COMPARTMENT OPENED UP! SOME KINDA GUN IS GETTIN' A BEAD ON YA!
IT'S THE ULTRA-SONIC STUNNER! IT USES SOUND VIBRATIONS TO..TO... -UHHHH!-
BEEEEIIIEEEEEE
NO MATTER HOW THICK-HEADED I AM, I'M A MAN! A MAN OUGHTTA BE ABLE TO OUT-THINK A CRUMMY MACHINE! WAIT! I GOT IT!
STILL DESPERATELY HOLDING HIS BREATH, TO WARD OFF THE EFFECTS OF THE COMA GAS, NICK FURY BRACES HIS LEGS AGAINST THE RIGID WALL, AND THEN...
WE AIN'T LICKED YET! ANY MACHINE AS COMPLICATED AS THIS ONE HAS TO HAVE DELICATE INSIDES
I'M BLACKING OUT! I FAILED YOU FAILED...!
...AND, BY TURNIN' IT OVER ON ITS BACK, I CAN GET ITS WHOLE BLAMED STABILIZER SYSTEM OUTTA WHACK!
IT WORKED! THE HUNTER DON'T KNOW WHICH END IS UP NOW... SO IT CAN'T DO ANYTHIN'!
BUT I CAN'T HOLD MY BREATH MUCH LONGER! GOTTA FIND SOME FRESH AIR... FAST!
DID I HEAR SOMEONE CALLIN' MY NAME...OR AM I STARTIN' TO CRACK UP??
FURY!
NO, NICK FURY ISN'T CRACKING UP! FOR, IN ANOTHER OF THE VAST COMPLEX OF HYDRA TUNNELS, WE SEE...
FURY! WHERE IN BLAZES ARE YA??
IF HE DOESN'T ANSWER, DUM DUM, MEBBE WE'RE.. TOO LATE!
NO! HE GOTTA ANSWER! HE GOTTA BE ALIVE! FURY! FURY!
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BUT, BEFORE THE PICKED SQUAD OF SHIELD AGENTS, LED BY DUM DUM DUGAN AND GABE JONES CAN SEARCH ANY FURTHER, A DEADLY ASSAULT FORCE OF HYDRA "TIGERS" ATTACKS FROM ALL SIDES...!
WAH-HOO! THIS IS WHAT WE BEEN WAITIN' FOR! FLYIN' WEDGE FORMATION... ON THE DOUBLE!
C'MON, YOU HEROES! SHOW 'EM HOW WE DID IT IN THE COMMANDOS! GO! GO! GOOOO!
KRAK KRAK
BRAKKA BRAKKA!
WOK!
THIS IS THE PAYOFF, PARTNER! IT'S ALL OR NOTHIN' NOW!
THEIR CAUSE IS HOPELESS, ANYWAY... SO LONG AS OUR BETATRON BOMB ORBITS OVERHEAD!
NOTHING ON EARTH CAN DEFEND MANKIND FROM OUR SUPREME CHALLENGE!
STOP THEM! THEY MUST NOT BREAK THROUGH!
YET, EVEN AS THE DESPERATE BATTLE RAGES, STRANGE, FRANTIC MANEUVERING TAKES PLACE BEHIND GABE JONES, CONCEALED BY HIS BLISTERINGLY ACCURATE BARKING BURP GUN...!
FASTER! FASTER! THEY'LL SWARM ALL OVER US IN ANOTHER FEW SECONDS!
THUKKA THUKKA THUK
WE'LL MAKE IT, GABE! WE'RE ALMOST DONE!
KEEP FIRIN', BOY! THAT'S THE WAY!
OKAY, GABE... IT'S UP TO YOU NOW! GET THE ELECTRO-JAB IN PLACE!
EVERYTHING'S SET! TAKE YOUR POSITIONS! WE'RE GONNA TEAR INTO 'EM!
SWING AROUND, GABE! FAST! HERE COMES THEIR MAIN ASSAULT!
OKAY! AN' REMEMBER.. WE STOP FOR NOTHIN'!
CLICK!
C'MON, DUM DUM... TAKE YOUR PLACE! THIS IS A TEAM OPERATION! LET'S GO!
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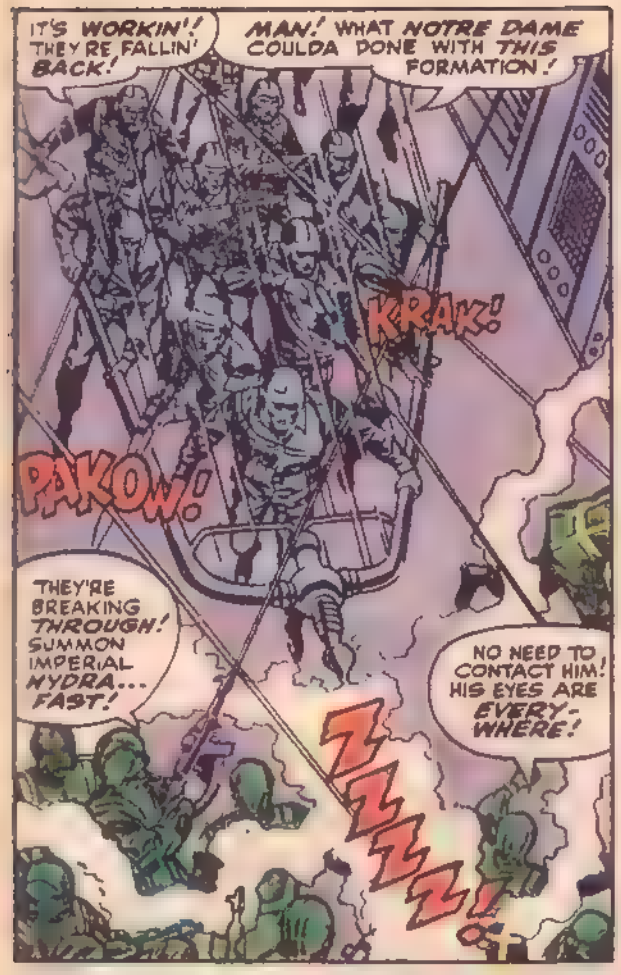
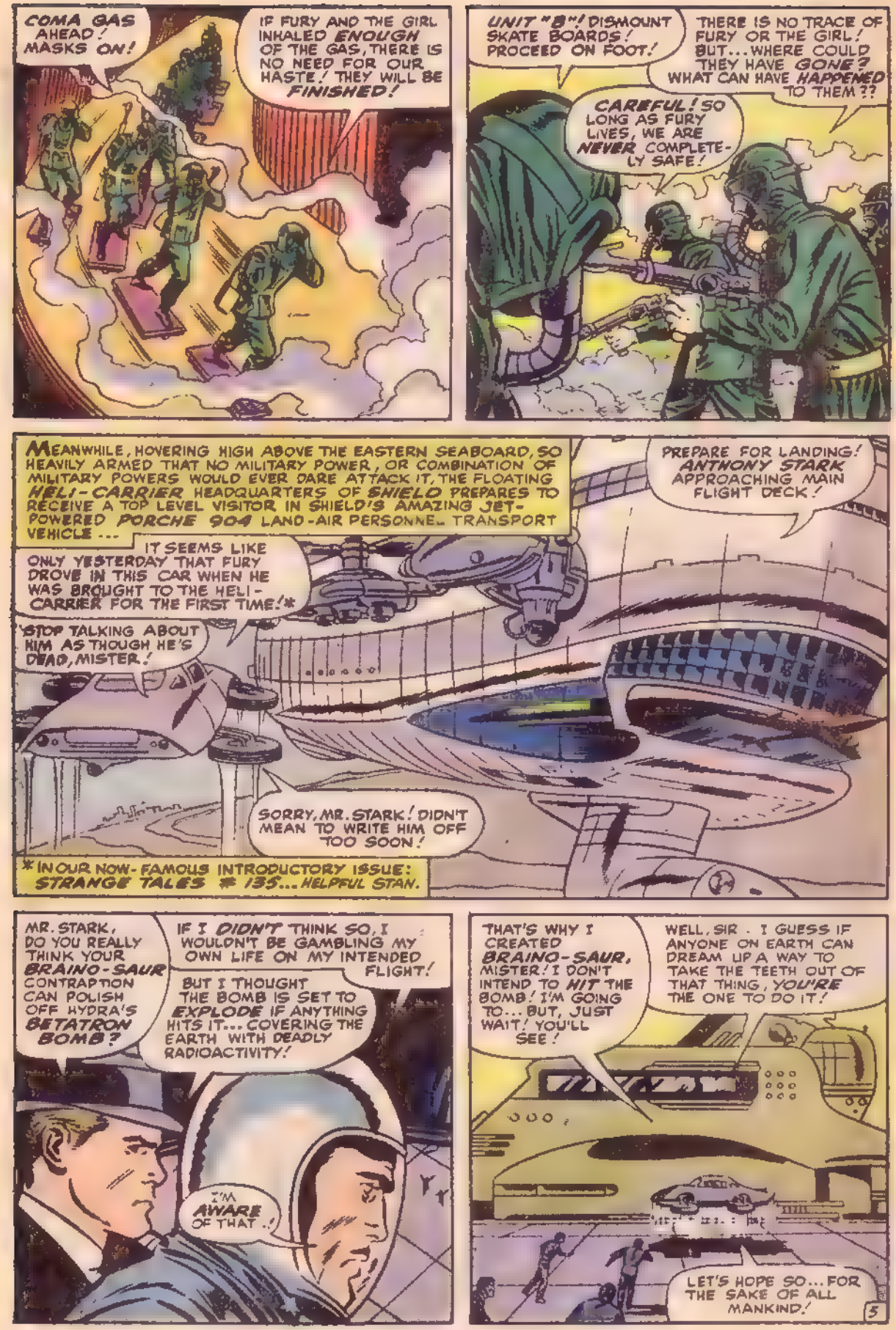

IT'S WORKIN'! THEY'RE FALLIN' BACK!
MAN! WHAT NOTRE DAME COULDA DONE WITH THIS FORMATION!
KRAK!
PAKOW!
THEY'RE BREAKING THROUGH! SUMMON IMPERIAL HYDRA... FAST!
NO NEED TO CONTACT HIM! HIS EYES ARE EVERY-WHERE!
ZZZZZ!

AND, EVEN AS THE INCREDIBLE BATTLE RAGES, THE EYES OF HYDRA FOLLOW EVERY MANEUVER, EVERY MOVE, WITH BLISTERING INTENSITY!
HAIL HYDRA! WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS? OUR TIGER SQUAD, IS IN RETREAT!
I CAN SEE THAT, YOU FOOL! SHIELD IS TRYING TO REACH FURY... AND MY DAUGHTER... BEFORE WE CAN!
BUT, MY RESOURCES ARE UNLIMITED! ATTENTION! PREPARE FOR NEW ORDERS!

SKATE BOARD UNIT "A"! MUSTER YOUR FORCES! ENGAGE SHIELD INVADERS ON PERIMETER OF EAST TUNNEL! FOLLOW BATTLE PLAN "APACHE"!
SKATE BOARD UNIT "B"! MUSTER YOUR FORCES! RECAPTURE FURY AND GIRL BEFORE SHIELD CAN REACH THEM! CONDITION RED! ALL OTHER ORDERS ARE SUPERCEDED!
HAIL HYDRA!

EXACTLY FIFTEEN SECONDS LATER, SKATE BOARD UNITS "A" AND "B" OF THE TIGER ASSAULT FORCES GO INTO ACTION...
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH SHIELD!
IT'S TIME WE PROVED, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THAT THEY'RE NO MATCH FOR THE HORDES OF HYDRA!
THIS IS WHERE WE SEPARATE! SUCCESS WITH YOUR MISSION! HAIL HYDRA!


COMA GAS AHEAD! MASKS ON!
IF FURY AND THE GIRL INHALED ENOUGH OF THE GAS, THERE IS NO NEED FOR OUR HASTE! THEY WILL BE FINISHED!
UNIT "B"! DISMOUNT SKATE BOARDS! PROCEED ON FOOT!
THERE IS NO TRACE OF FURY OR THE GIRL! BUT... WHERE COULD THEY HAVE GONE? WHAT CAN HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM??
CAREFUL! SO LONG AS FURY LIVES, WE ARE NEVER COMPLETELY SAFE!
MEANWHILE, HOVERING HIGH ABOVE THE EASTERN SEABOARD, SO HEAVILY ARMED THAT NO MILITARY POWER, OR COMBINATION OF MILITARY POWERS WOULD EVER DARE ATTACK IT, THE FLOATING HELI-CARRIER HEADQUARTERS OF SHIELD PREPARES TO RECEIVE A TOP LEVEL VISITOR IN SHIELD'S AMAZING JET-POWERED PORCHE 904 LAND-AIR PERSONNEL TRANSPORT VEHICLE ...
PREPARE FOR LANDING! ANTHONY STARK APPROACHING MAIN FLIGHT DECK!
IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY THAT FURY DROVE IN THIS CAR WHEN HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE HELI-CARRIER FOR THE FIRST TIME!*
STOP TALKING ABOUT HIM AS THOUGH HE'S DEAD, MISTER!
SORRY, MR. STARK! DIDN'T MEAN TO WRITE HIM OFF TOO SOON!
*IN OUR NOW-FAMOUS INTRODUCTORY ISSUE: STRANGE TALES # 135... HELPFUL STAN.
MR. STARK, DO YOU REALLY THINK YOUR BRAINO-SAUR CONTRAPTION CAN POLISH OFF HYDRA'S BETATRON BOMB?
IF I DIDN'T THINK SO, I WOULDN'T BE GAMBLING MY OWN LIFE ON MY INTENDED FLIGHT!
BUT I THOUGHT THE BOMB IS SET TO EXPLODE IF ANYTHING HITS IT... COVERING THE EARTH WITH DEADLY RADIOACTIVITY!
I'M AWARE OF THAT.!
THAT'S WHY I CREATED BRAINO-SAUR, MISTER! I DON'T INTEND TO HIT THE BOMB! I'M GOING TO... BUT, JUST WAIT! YOU'LL SEE!
WELL, SIR . I GUESS IF ANYONE ON EARTH CAN DREAM UP A WAY TO TAKE THE TEETH OUT OF THAT THING, YOU'RE THE ONE TO DO IT!
LET'S HOPE SO... FOR THE SAKE OF ALL MANKIND!
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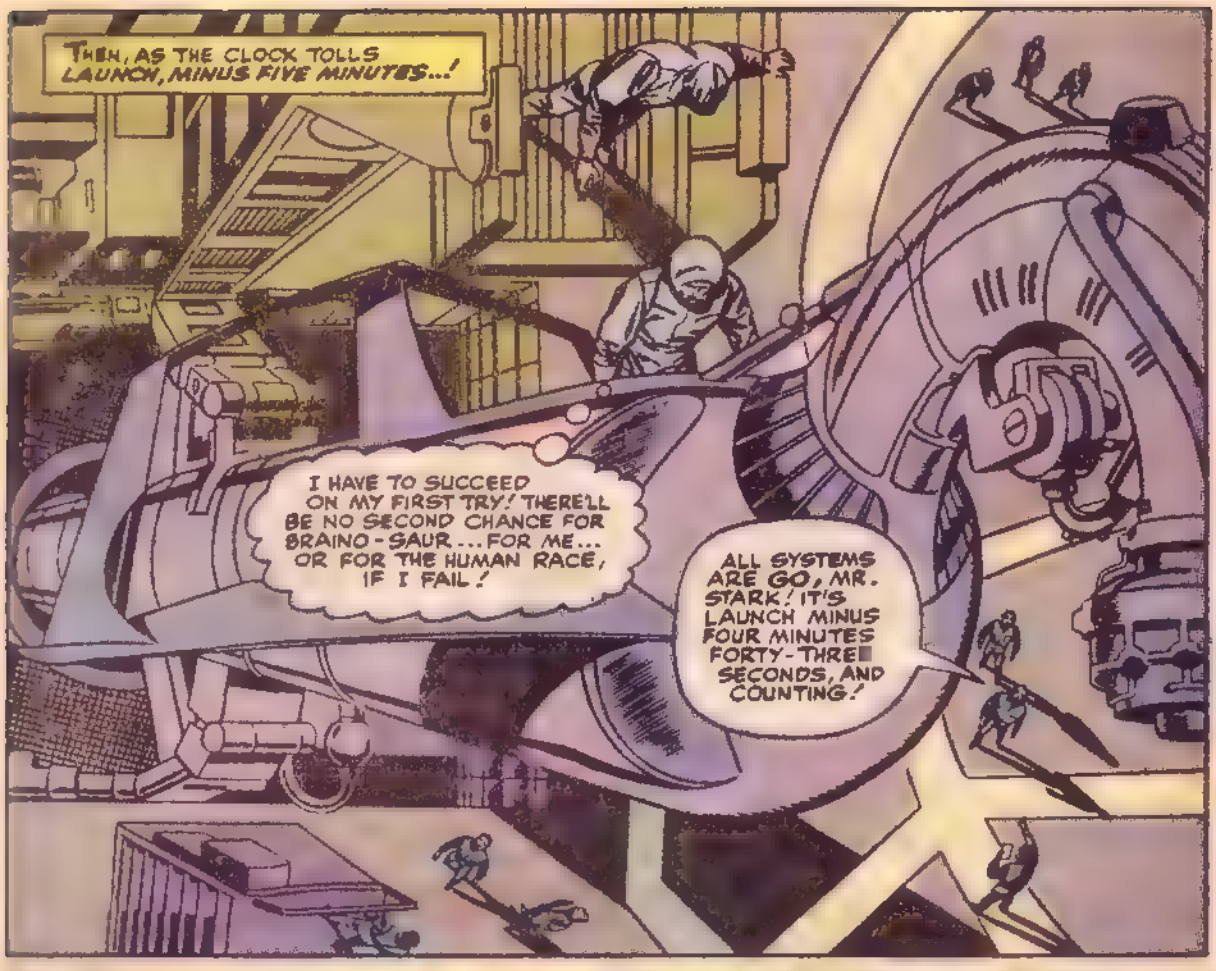
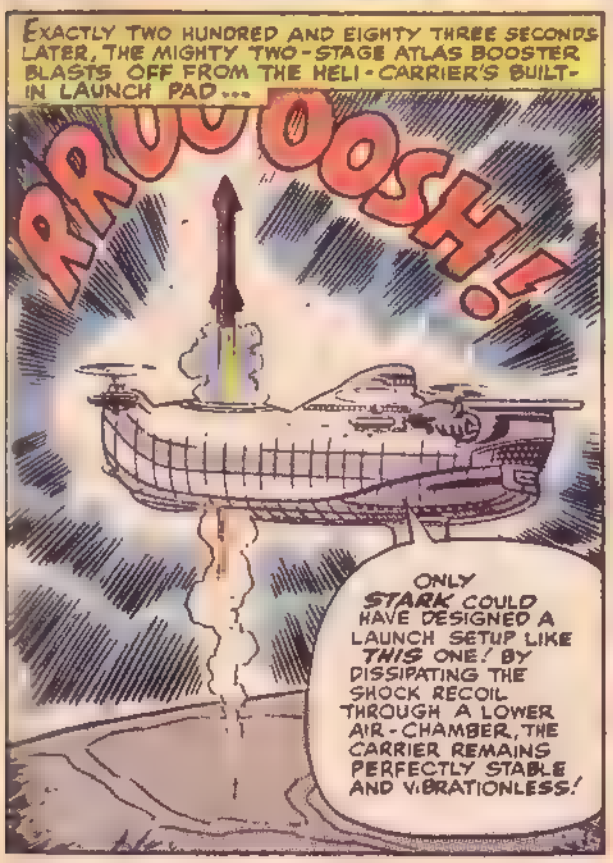

THEN, AS THE CLOCK TOLLS LAUNCH, MINUS FIVE MINUTES...!
I HAVE TO SUCCEED ON MY FIRST TRY! THERE'LL BE NO SECOND CHANCE FOR BRAINO-SAUR ... FOR ME... OR FOR THE HUMAN RACE, IF I FAIL!
ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO, MR. STARK! IT'S LAUNCH MINUS FOUR MINUTES FORTY-THREE SECONDS, AND COUNTING!


EXACTLY TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THREE SECONDS LATER, THE MIGHTY TWO-STAGE ATLAS BOOSTER BLASTS OFF FROM THE HELI-CARRIER'S BUILT-IN LAUNCH PAD...
RRUUOOSH!
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FURY AND THE GIRL CAN'T STILL BE ALIVE! THEY MUST HAVE... UNHHH..!
DON'T BET ON IT, BUTTERCUP! THAT VENTILATION DUCT WAS ALL WE NEEDED TILL THE COMA GAS COULD BLOW AWAY!
CLANG!
STOP HIM! IF HE MANAGES TO...! UHHH!
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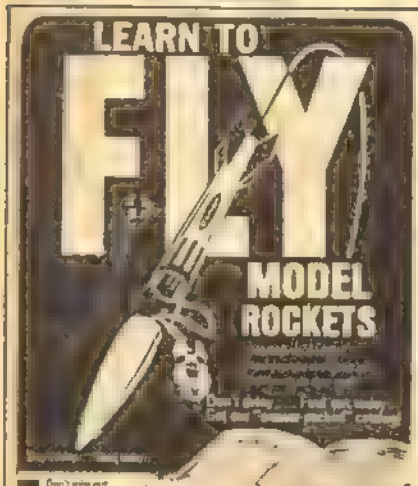

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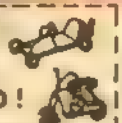

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THONK
STOP SQUIRMIN' DOWN THERE! I'LL GIT TA YOU IN A MINUTE!
THERE YA ARE, CHUM! I WASN'T ABOUT TO FORGET YA!
HURRY, COLONEL! THE [illegible] MUST ALREADY BE ON THEIR WAY TO ATTACK US!
WELL, GOODY GUMDROPS!
BOK!
JUST STAY BEHIND ME AND LET OL' FURY DO THE WORRYIN', K.D.! WE GOT THOSE TWO GORILLAS' POP GUNS, AND WE'RE FREE! AIN'T NOTHIN' GONNA STOP US NOW!
LISTEN! GUNFIRE... JUST AHEAD! C'MON! LET'S JOIN THE PARTY!
KAK! BUKKA! BUKKA!
COLONEL, EVEN IF YOU DO ESCAPE FROM HERE, WHAT CAN YOU DO?... WHAT CAN SHIELD DO, AGAINST MY FATHERS BETATRON BOMB?
WE AIN'T EXACTLY A KNITTIN' SOCIETY, LADY! WE GOT A COUPLE A TRICKS UP OUR SLEE.. HOLD IT!
THOSE VOICES SHOUTIN' OVER THE GUNFIRE! ONE OF 'EM IS DUM DUM!
KEEP POURIN' IT INTO 'EM! IT'S THEM OR US!
HYDRA TIGERS... HEADIN' FOR DUM DUM'S SHIELD SQUAD ON SKATE BOARDS! THOSE MURDERIN' CLOWNS DON'T MISS A TRICK!
HAIL HYDRA! PREPARE FOR BATTLE PLAN "APACHE"!
FATHER'S MOST DANGEROUS TASK FORCE! NOTHING CAN STOP THEM!
WHIRRRRRR
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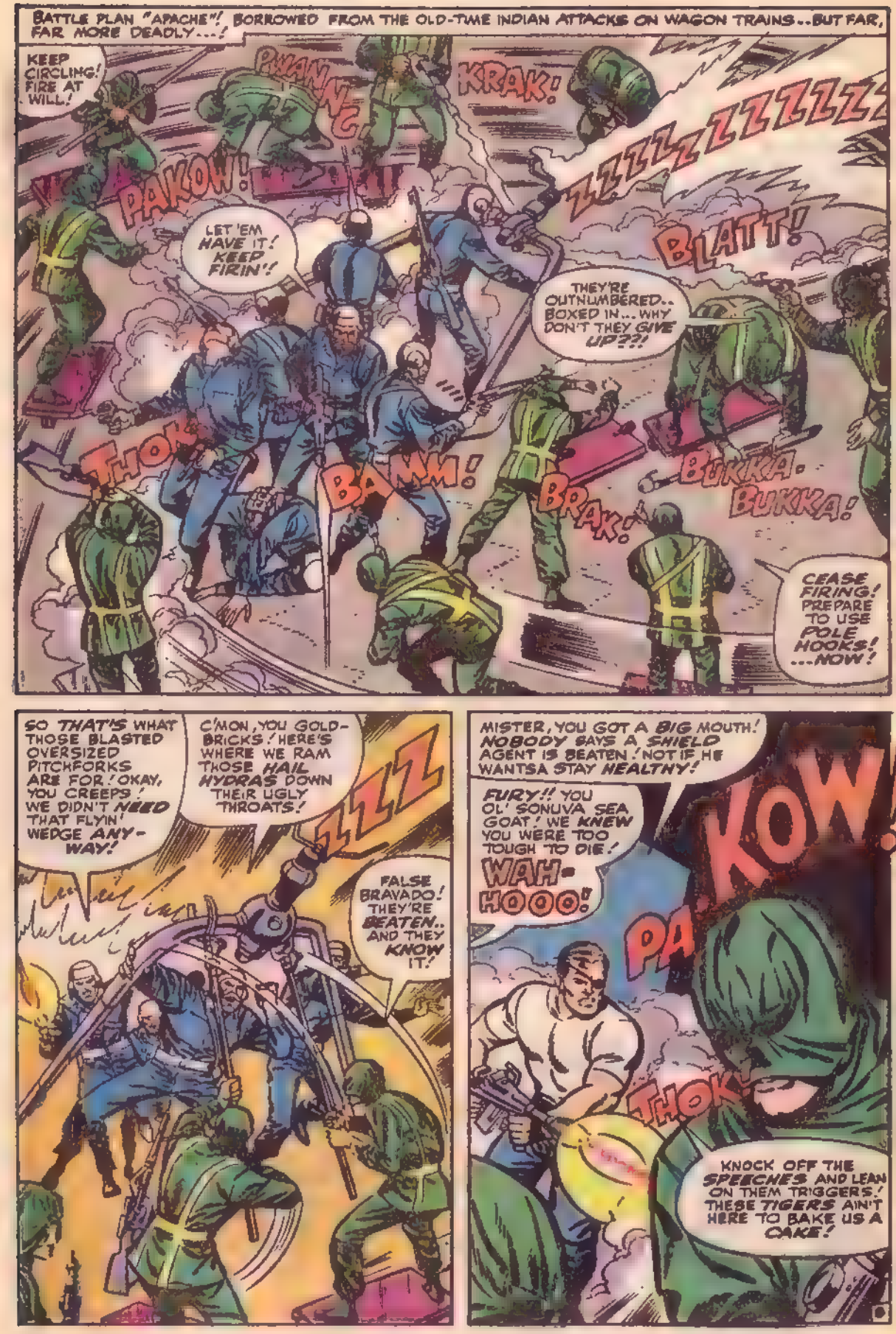
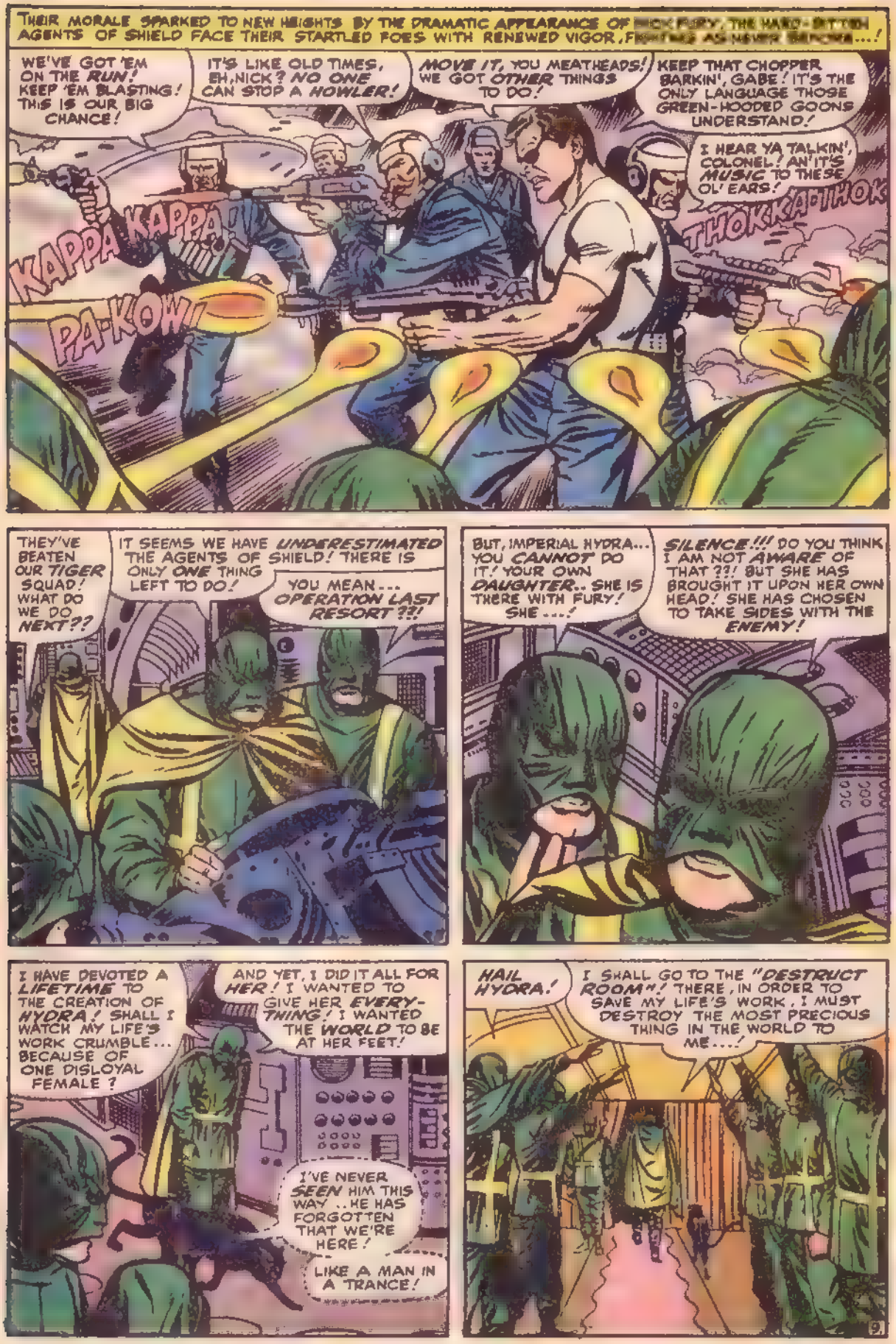

BATTLE PLAN "APACHE"! BORROWED FROM THE OLD-TIME INDIAN ATTACKS ON WAGON TRAINS..BUT FAR, FAR MORE DEADLY...!
KEEP CIRCLING! FIRE AT WILL!
PWANNG!
KRAK!
ZZZZZZZZZZZ
PAKOW!
BLATT!
LET 'EM HAVE IT! KEEP FIRIN'!
THEY'RE OUTNUMBERED.. BOXED IN... WHY DON'T THEY GIVE UP???
THOK!
BA-WM!
BRAK!
BUKKA-BUKKA!
CEASE FIRING! PREPARE TO USE POLE HOOKS! ...NOW!
SO THAT'S WHAT THOSE BLASTED OVERSIZED PITCHFORKS ARE FOR! OKAY, YOU CREEPS! WE DIDN'T NEED THAT FLYIN' WEDGE ANY-WAY!
C'MON, YOU GOLD-BRICKS! HERE'S WHERE WE RAM THOSE HAIL HYDRAS DOWN THEIR UGLY THROATS!
ZZZZ
FALSE BRAVADO! THEY'RE BEATEN.. AND THEY KNOW IT!
MISTER, YOU GOT A BIG MOUTH! NOBODY SAYS A SHIELD AGENT IS BEATEN! NOT IF HE WANTSA STAY HEALTHY!
FURY!! YOU OL' SONUVA SEA GOAT! WE KNEW YOU WERE TOO TOUGH TO DIE! WAH-HOOO!
PA-KOW!
THOK!
KNOCK OFF THE SPEECHES AND LEAN ON THEM TRIGGERS! THESE TIGERS AIN'T HERE TO BAKE US A CAKE!


THEIR MORALE SPARKED TO NEW HEIGHTS BY THE DRAMATIC APPEARANCE OF NICK FURY, THE HARD-BITTEN AGENTS OF SHIELD FACE THEIR STARTLED FOES WITH RENEWED VIGOR, FIGHTING AS NEVER BEFORE...!
WE'VE GOT 'EM ON THE RUN! KEEP 'EM BLASTING! THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE!
IT'S LIKE OLD TIMES, EH, NICK? NO ONE CAN STOP A HOWLER!
MOVE IT, YOU MEATHEADS! WE GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO!
KEEP THAT CHOPPER BARKIN', GABE! IT'S THE ONLY LANGUAGE THOSE GREEN-HOODED GOONS UNDERSTAND!
I HEAR YA TALKIN', COLONEL! AN' IT'S MUSIC TO THESE OL' EARS!
KAPPA KAPPA!
PA-KOW!
THOK-KA-THOK
THEY'VE BEATEN OUR TIGER SQUAD! WHAT DO WE DO NEXT??
IT SEEMS WE HAVE UNDERESTIMATED THE AGENTS OF SHIELD! THERE IS ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO!
YOU MEAN... OPERATION LAST RESORT ???
BUT, IMPERIAL HYDRA... YOU CANNOT DO IT! YOUR OWN DAUGHTER.. SHE IS THERE WITH FURY! SHE ...!
SILENCE!!! DO YOU THINK I AM NOT AWARE OF THAT ??! BUT SHE HAS BROUGHT IT UPON HER OWN HEAD! SHE HAS CHOSEN TO TAKE SIDES WITH THE ENEMY!
I HAVE DEVOTED A LIFETIME TO THE CREATION OF HYDRA! SHALL I WATCH MY LIFE'S WORK CRUMBLE... BECAUSE OF ONE DISLOYAL FEMALE ?
AND YET, I DID IT ALL FOR HER! I WANTED TO GIVE HER EVERY-THING! I WANTED THE WORLD TO BE AT HER FEET!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM THIS WAY ..HE HAS FORGOTTEN THAT WE'RE HERE!
LIKE A MAN IN A TRANCE!
HAIL HYDRA!
I SHALL GO TO THE "DESTRUCT ROOM"! THERE, IN ORDER TO SAVE MY LIFE'S WORK, I MUST DESTROY THE MOST PRECIOUS THING IN THE WORLD TO ME...!
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AND, AS IMPERIAL HYDRA PREPARES FOR HIS MOST MOMENTOUS DECISION, TONY STARK GUIDES HIS FANTASTIC BRAINO-SAUR INTO THE SAME ORBIT AS HYDRA'S DREADED BETATRON BOMB..
THE MOMENT IS HERE! EVERYTHING DEPENDS UPON ACHIEVING A FLAWLESS RENDEZVOUS!
I HAD TO PILOT THIS MISSILE MYSELF! THERE WASN'T TIME TO INSTRUCT ANYONE ELSE IN ITS COMPLEX OPERATION!
NOW, EVERYTHING DEPENDS UPON THE ACCURACY OF THE RETRO-ROCKET BLASTS! THE SLIGHTEST MISCALCULATION COULD SET OFF THE BOMB!
I'VE ONLY ENOUGH FUEL FOR ONE ATTEMPT! IF I OVERSHOOT THE MARK, I'LL GO HURTLING OFF INTO SPACE... FOREVER! AND, IF I MIS-JUDGE THE FORCE OF IMPACT, THE LIVES OF MILLIONS ON EARTH BELOW WILL BE FORFEIT!
BUT, IT MUST BE DONE! MANKIND CANNOT LIVE UNDER THE HEEL OF HYDRA! IN THE NAME OF SHIELD... IN THE NAME OF UNIVERSAL FREEDOM... I CANNOT FAIL!
THEN, GUIDED BY THE SKILLED HANDS OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST WEAPONRY GENIUS, THE RETROS ARE FIRED... BRINGING STARK'S BRAINO-SAUR INTO POSITION TO USE ITS INDESCRIBABLY DELICATE PROBER MECHANISM...!
RRRRRRRRRRR
THERE! I'VE GOT IT! ONCE THE FIRING DEVICE HAS BEEN REMOVED, WE'LL HAVE WON! JUST A LITTLE FURTHER... A LITTLE FURTHER...!
IT'S OUT! THE BOMB HAS BEEN RENDERED HARMLESS! EARTH IS SAVED!
AND, FROM THE VIEWING ROOM OF SHIELD'S FLYING HQ., A DOZEN VOICES CRY OUT AS ONE...!
STARK DID IT!
THE RADIO-ACTIVE FIRING MECHANISM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN!
WITHOUT IT, IT'S NO MORE THAN AN EMPTY, ORBITING SHELL!
WE'VE BEATEN THEM! SHIELD HAS WON!
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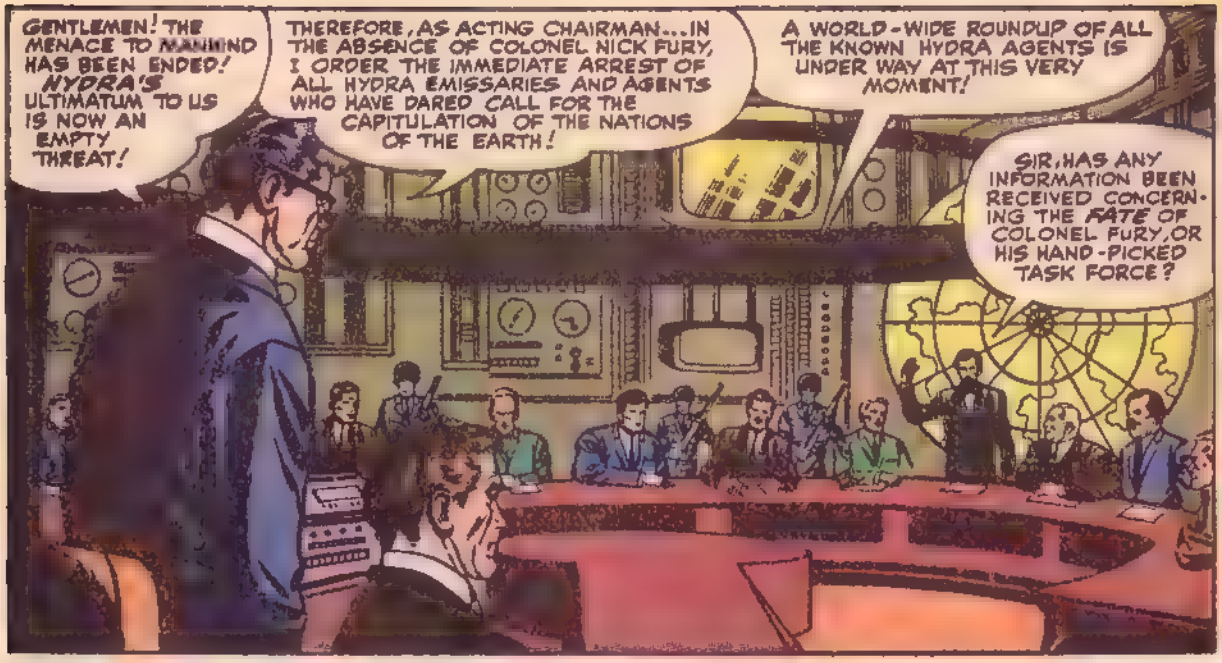
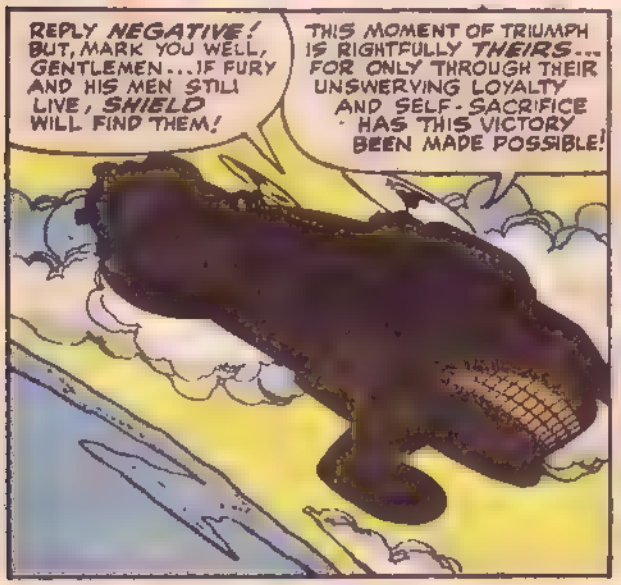
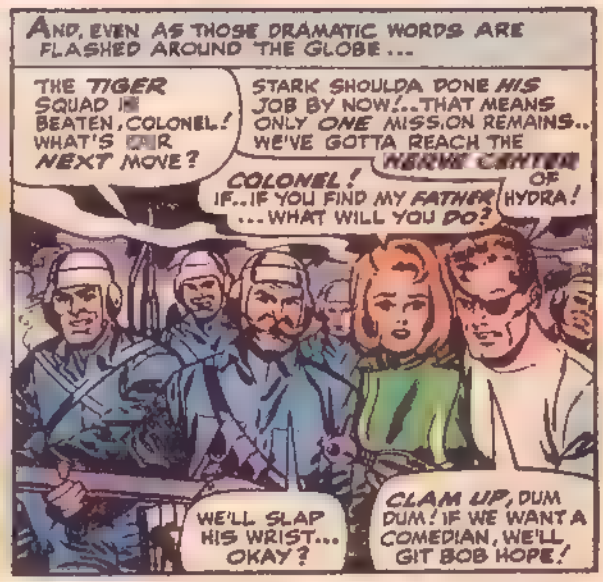
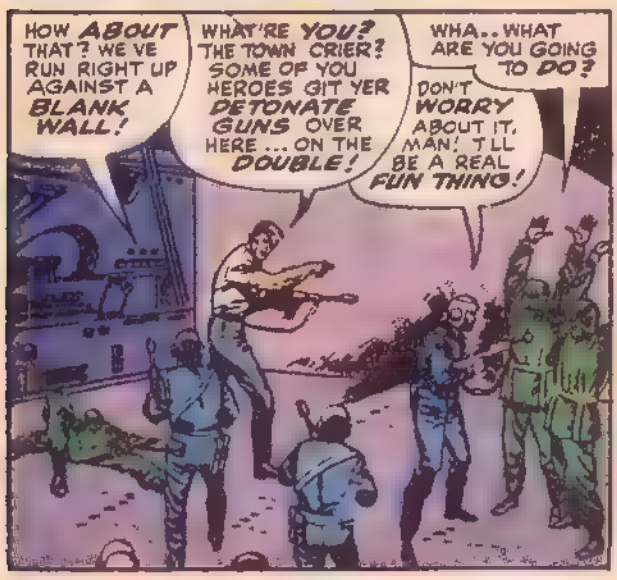
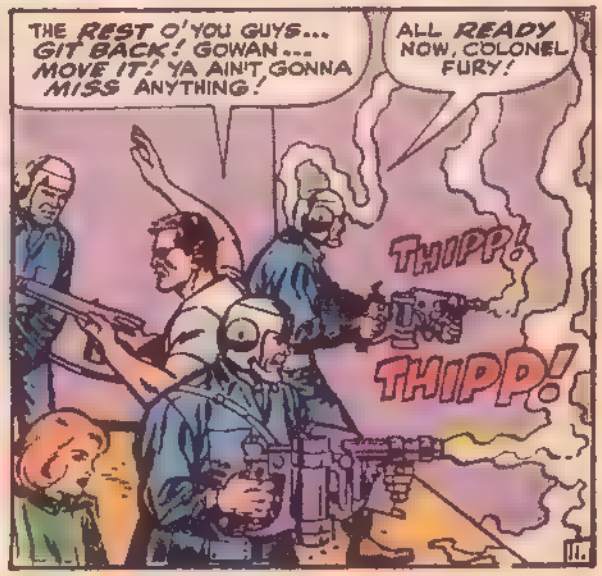

GENTLEMEN! THE MENACE TO MANKIND HAS BEEN ENDED! NYDRA'S ULTIMATUM TO US IS NOW AN EMPTY THREAT!
THEREFORE, AS ACTING CHAIRMAN... IN THE ABSENCE OF COLONEL NICK FURY, I ORDER THE IMMEDIATE ARREST OF ALL HYDRA EMISSARIES AND AGENTS WHO HAVE DARED CALL FOR THE CAPITULATION OF THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH!
A WORLD-WIDE ROUNDUP OF ALL THE KNOWN HYDRA AGENTS IS UNDER WAY AT THIS VERY MOMENT!
SIR, HAS ANY INFORMATION BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING THE FATE OF COLONEL FURY, OR HIS HAND-PICKED TASK FORCE?


REPLY NEGATIVE! BUT, MARK YOU WELL, GENTLEMEN... IF FURY AND HIS MEN STILL LIVE, SHIELD WILL FIND THEM!
THIS MOMENT OF TRIUMPH IS RIGHTFULLY THEIRS... FOR ONLY THROUGH THEIR UNSWERVING LOYALTY AND SELF-SACRIFICE HAS THIS VICTORY BEEN MADE POSSIBLE!


AND, EVEN AS THOSE DRAMATIC WORDS ARE FLASHED AROUND THE GLOBE...
THE TIGER SQUAD IS BEATEN, COLONEL! WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE?
STARK SHOULDA DONE HIS JOB BY NOW!.. THAT MEANS ONLY ONE MISS ON REMAINS.. WE'VE GOTTA REACH THE NERVE CENTER OF HYDRA!
COLONEL! IF.. IF YOU FIND MY FATHER ... WHAT WILL YOU DO?
WE'LL SLAP HIS WRIST... OKAY?
CLAM UP, DUM DUM! IF WE WANT A COMEDIAN, WE'LL GIT BOB HOPE!


HOW ABOUT THAT? WE'VE RUN RIGHT UP AGAINST A BLANK WALL!
WHAT'RE YOU? THE TOWN CRIER? SOME OF YOU HEROES GIT YER DETONATE GUNS OVER HERE... ON THE DOUBLE!
WHA.. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, MAN! IT'LL BE A REAL FUN THING!


THE REST O' YOU GUYS... GIT BACK! GOWAN... MOVE IT! YA AIN'T GONNA MISS ANYTHING!
ALL READY NOW, COLONEL FURY!
THIPP!
THIPP!

THEN, AT FURY'S COMMAND, A MATCH IS APPLIED TO THE DETONATION PASTE, AND...
KA-BOOM!
AWRIGHT! WE MADE IT! THIS IS THE PAYOFF! DON'T JUST STAND THERE! GIT THE LEAD OUT! LET'S HEAR IT, YOU GUYS!
WAH-HOO!
BUT, AS FURY AND HIS MEN POUR INTO HYDRA HEADQUARTERS, A LONE FIGURE SLOWLY MOUNTS THE SECRET STAIRWAY LEADING TO THE OFFICES OF IMPERIAL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL...
IT'S OVER! EVERYTHING I WORKED FOR... FOUGHT FOR.. IT'S OVER!
NEVER AGAIN SHALL I DON THE ROBES OF IMPERIAL HYDRA!
FOR, WHEN I PRESS THE DESTRUCT BUTTON, HYDRA SHALL EXIST NO LONGER!
FOR YEARS I CONCEALED MY IDENTITY... HIDING BEHIND A CLOAK OF RESPECTABILITY IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST CORPORATIONS...!
AT EVERY BOARD MEETING I ATTENDED, NONE EVER GUESSED THAT THE SUPREME LEADER OF THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL SECRET ARMY WAS IN THEIR MIDST!
TO THEM, I WAS A LITTLE NOBODY! AS FARRINGTON'S SECRETARY MY PRESENCE WAS NEVER EVEN NOTICED!
BUT, WHEN HUMBLE ARNOLD BROWN DONNED HIS PADDED HOOD, AND HIS THICK-SOLED SHOES, HE BECAME A GIANT... A MAN WHOSE WORD WAS LAW!
I HAD NO FRIENDS... NO LIFE, OTHER THAN HYDRA! ONLY MY DAUGHTER MATTERED TO ME!
AND NOW, IN ORDER TO DESTROY FURY, I MUST DOOM HER, ALSO!
ONCE I PRESS THE DESTRUCT BUTTON, I SHALL HAVE LOST EVERYTHING! AND YET, PRESS IT I MUST!
THE AWESOME END OF HYDRA FOLLOWS NEXT...!

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I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT HERE BUT NO MATTER HOW COLD IT GETS--NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO TO ME--I'LL NEVER TELL HYDRA ABOUT BRAND-SAUR!
SO LONG AS TONY STARK HAS THE SECRET, THERE'S STILL A CHANCE OF SMASHING THEIR BOMB!
AND SHIELD AIN'T GONNA LOSE THAT CHANCE JUST CUZ ACCOUNTA ONE JOE LIKE ME!

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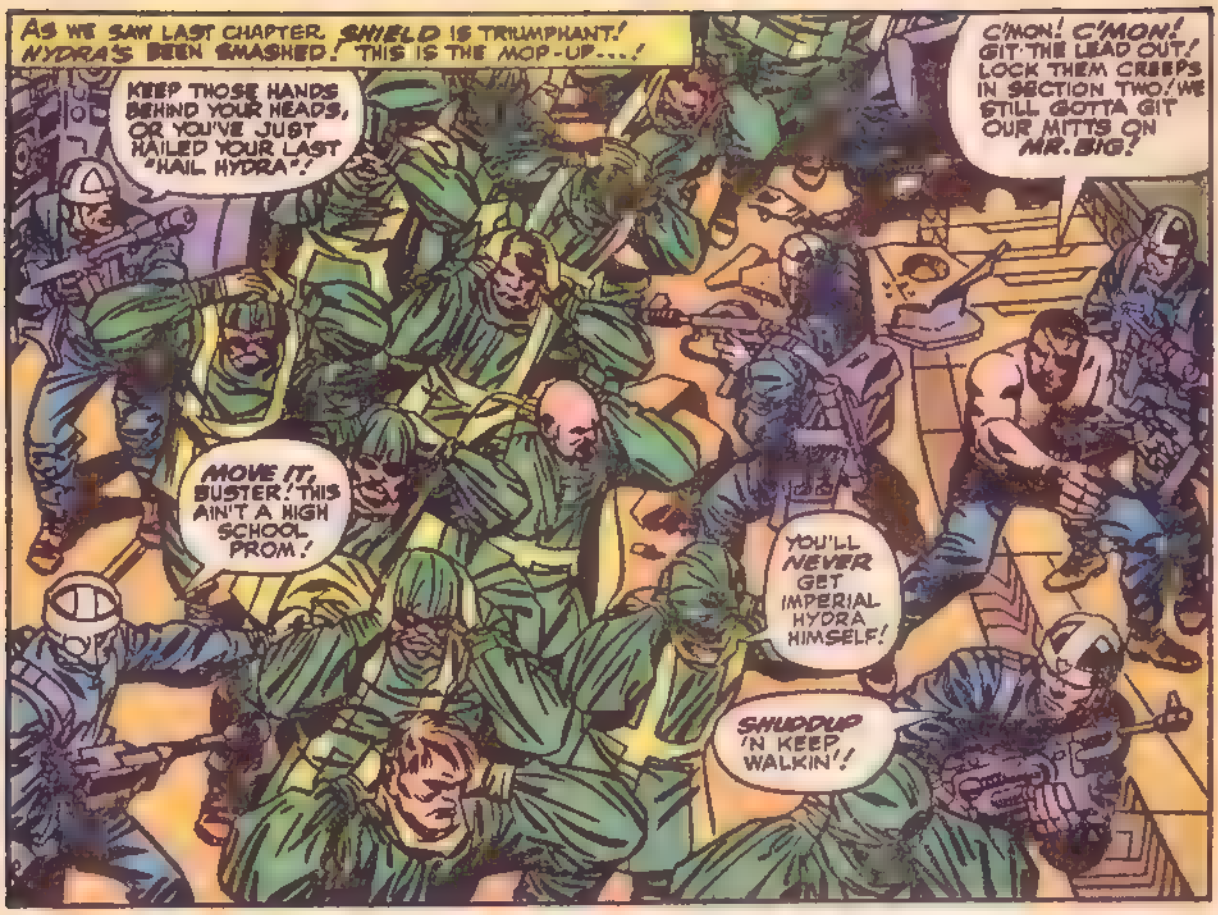
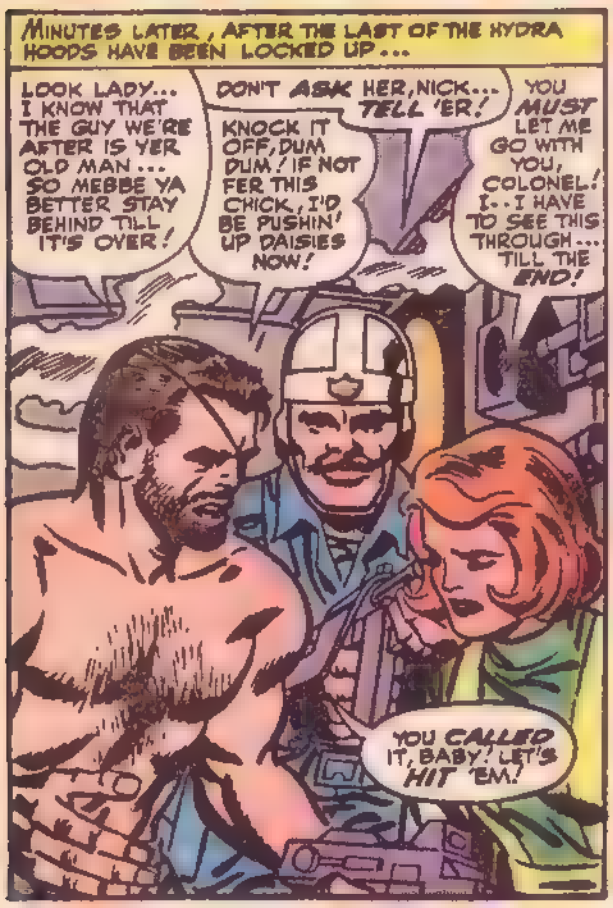
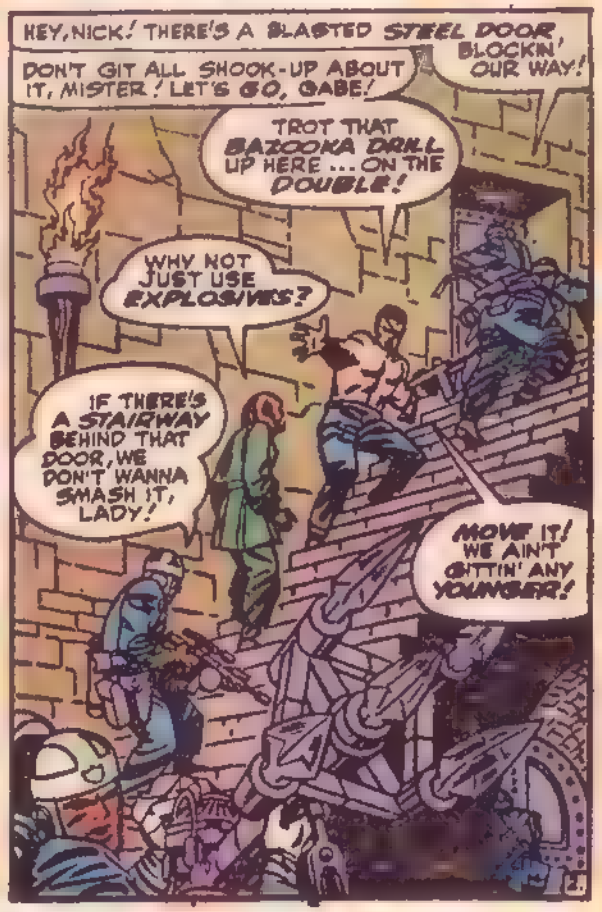
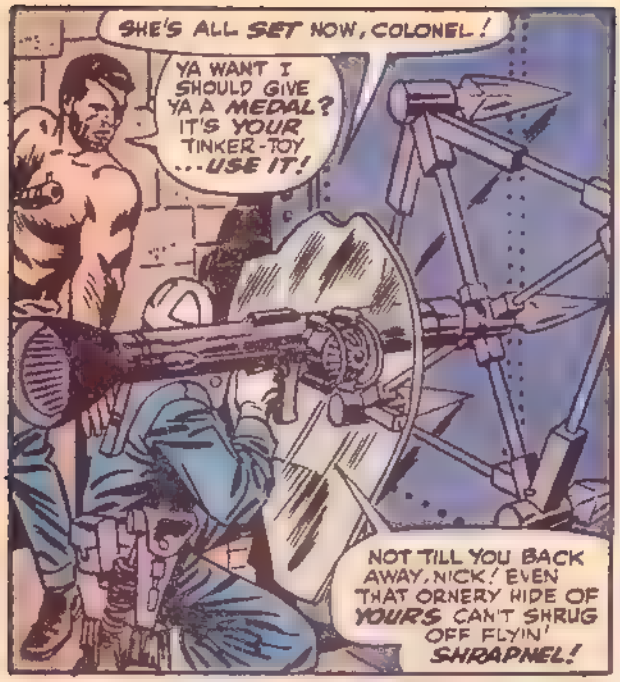
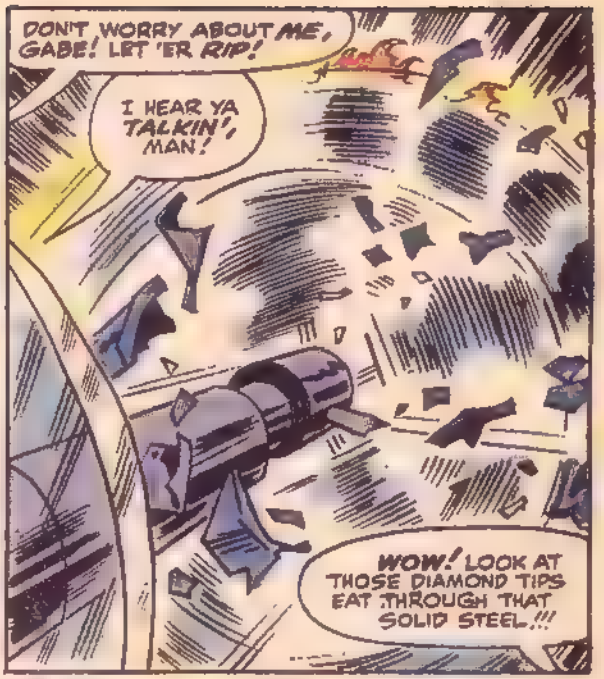
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THERE IS AN EXPLANATION TO THIS NUTTY DRAWING! (AND THE EXPLANATION IS EVEN NUTTIER!) YOU'LL SEE....!

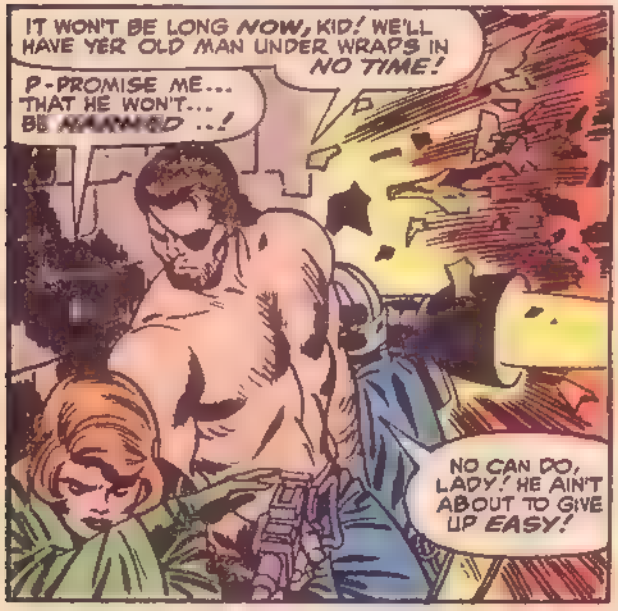

AS WE SAW LAST CHAPTER, SHIELD IS TRIUMPHANT! HYDRA'S BEEN SMASHED! THIS IS THE MOP-UP...!
KEEP THOSE HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEADS, OR YOU'VE JUST HAILED YOUR LAST "HAIL HYDRA"!
C'MON! C'MON! GIT THE LEAD OUT! LOCK THEM CREEPS IN SECTION TWO! WE STILL GOTTA GIT OUR MITTS ON MR. BIG!
MOVE IT, BUSTER! THIS AIN'T A HIGH SCHOOL PROM!
YOU'LL NEVER GET IMPERIAL HYDRA HIMSELF!
SHUDDUP 'N KEEP WALKIN'!

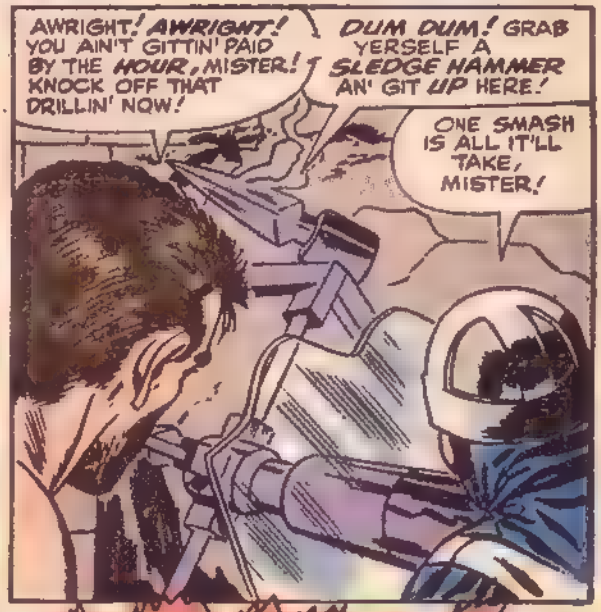

MINUTES LATER, AFTER THE LAST OF THE HYDRA HOODS HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP...
LOOK LADY... I KNOW THAT THE GUY WE'RE AFTER IS YER OLD MAN... SO MEBBE YA BETTER STAY BEHIND TILL IT'S OVER!
DON'T ASK HER, NICK... TELL 'ER!
KNOCK IT OFF, DUM DUM! IF NOT FER THIS CHICK, I'D BE PUSHIN' UP DAISIES NOW!
YOU MUST LET ME GO WITH YOU, COLONEL! I--I HAVE TO SEE THIS THROUGH... TILL THE END!
YOU CALLED IT, BABY! LET'S HIT 'EM!

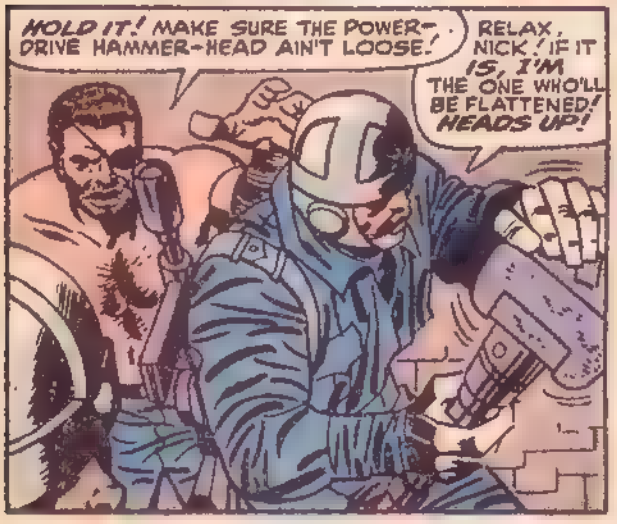

HEY, NICK! THERE'S A BLASTED STEEL DOOR BLOCKIN' OUR WAY!
DON'T GIT ALL SHOOK-UP ABOUT IT, MISTER! LET'S GO, GABE!
TROT THAT BAZOOKA DRILL UP HERE... ON THE DOUBLE!
WHY NOT JUST USE EXPLOSIVES?
IF THERE'S A STAIRWAY BEHIND THAT DOOR, WE DON'T WANNA SMASH IT, LADY!
MOVE IT! WE AIN'T GITTIN' ANY YOUNGER!


SHE'S ALL SET NOW, COLONEL!
YA WANT I SHOULD GIVE YA A MEDAL? IT'S YOUR TINKER-TOY ...USE IT!
NOT TILL YOU BACK AWAY, NICK! EVEN THAT ORNERY HIDE OF YOURS CAN'T SHRUG OFF FLYIN' SHRAPNEL!




IT WON'T BE LONG NOW, KID! WE'LL HAVE YER OLD MAN UNDER WRAPS IN NO TIME!
P-PROMISE ME... THAT HE WON'T... BE HARMED ..!
NO CAN DO, LADY! HE AIN'T ABOUT TO GIVE UP EASY!


AWRIGHT! AWRIGHT! YOU AIN'T GITTIN' PAID BY THE HOUR, MISTER! KNOCK OFF THAT DRILLIN' NOW!
DUM DUM! GRAB YERSELF A SLEDGE HAMMER AN' GIT UP HERE!
ONE SMASH IS ALL IT'LL TAKE, MISTER!



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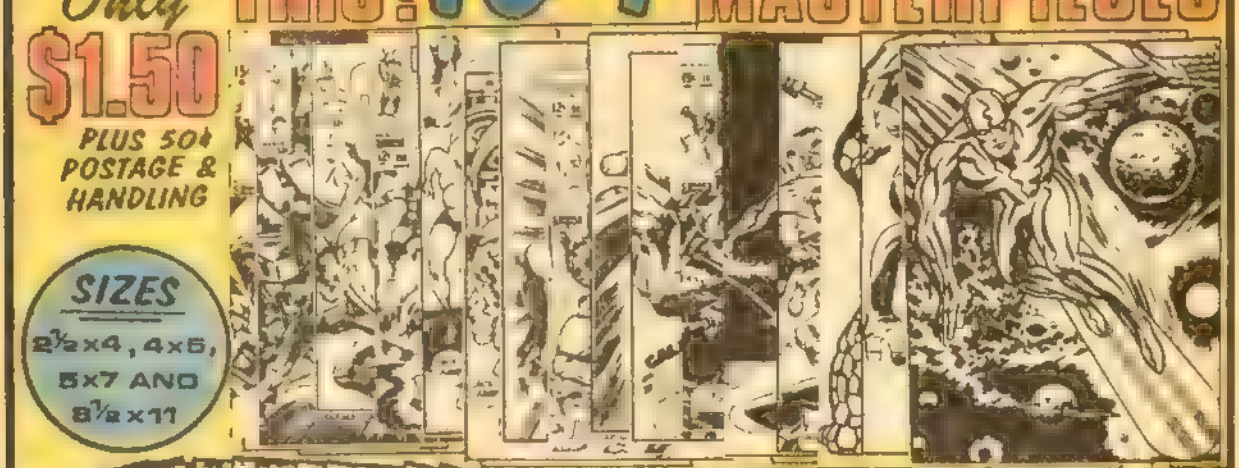

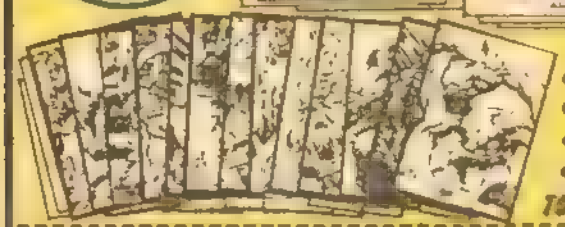

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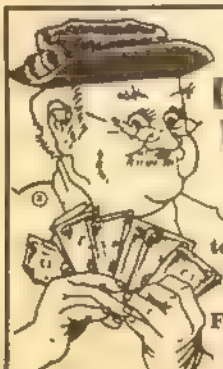

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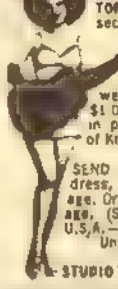

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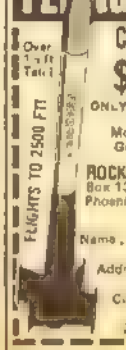

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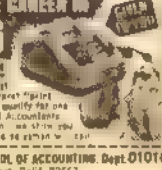

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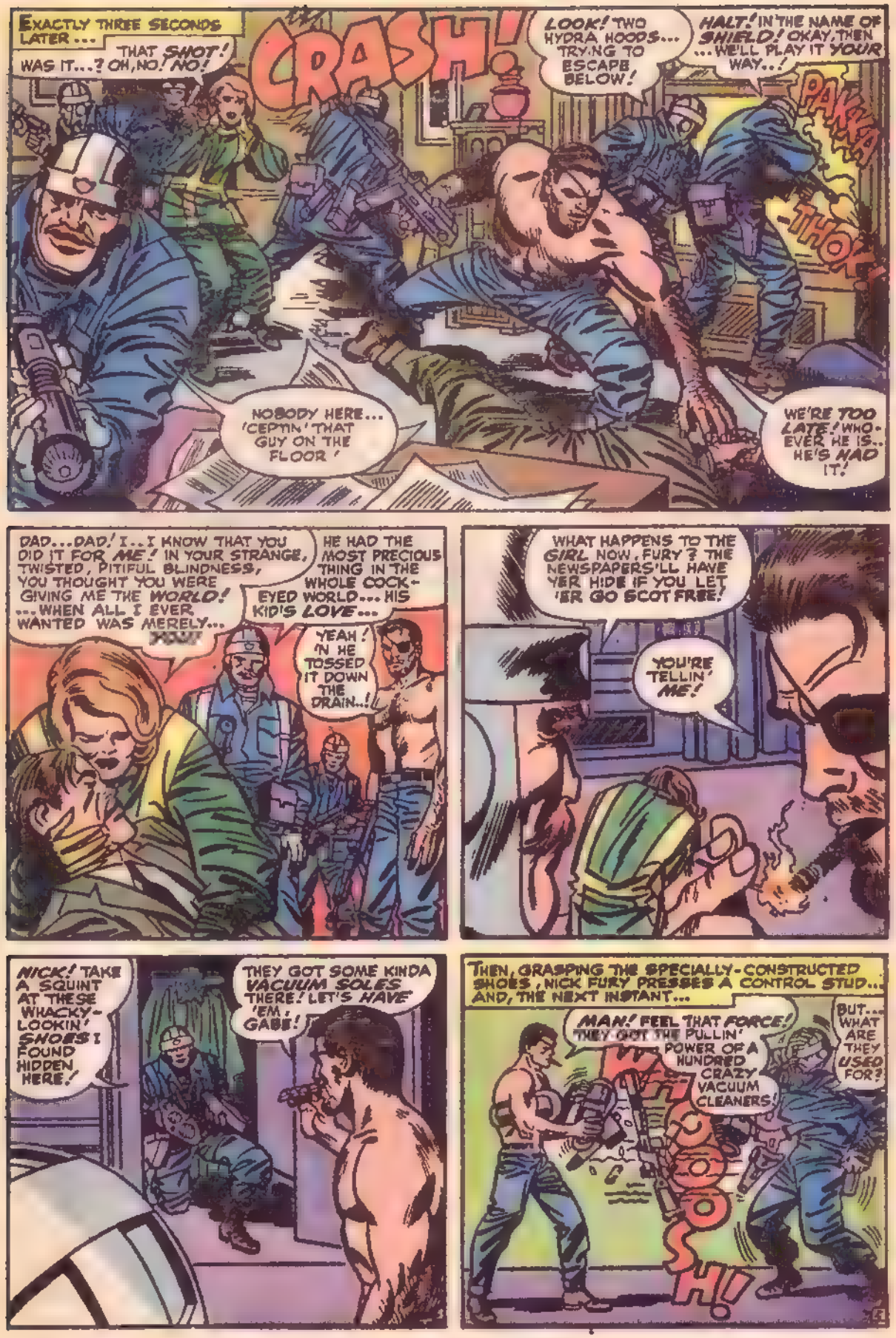
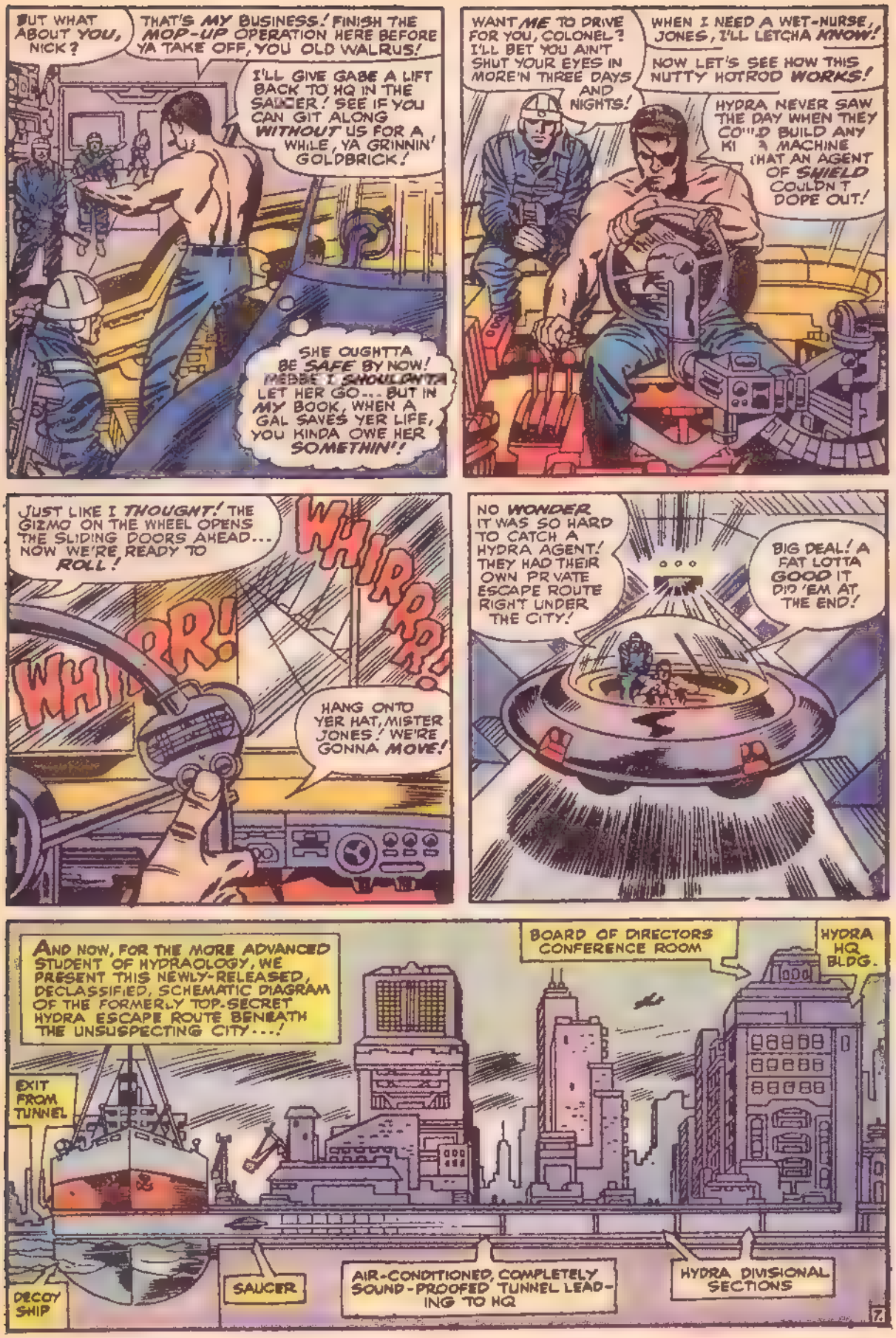
MY DEFEAT WILL NOT BE SO BITTER IF I CAN DESTROY FURY ALONG WITH MYSELF!
WITH THE PRESS OF A BUTTON, I CAN TURN THIS ENTIRE BUILDING INTO A VAST, CRUMBLING DEATH TRAP!
THUS, THE FINAL VICTORY WILL STILL BELONG TO IMPERIAL HYDRA!
BUT, SUDDENLY, HE PAUSES... JUST FOR A SECOND ...FOR THE LONGEST, MOST FATEFUL SECOND OF HIS LIFE...
YET, MY DAUGHTER IS WITH HIM! IT WILL MEAN HER DEATH, TOO! EVEN THOUGH SHE BETRAYED ME...HOW CAN I DO IT?
LUCKY WE WERE STATIONED UP HERE, TO GUARD IMPERIAL HYDRA! SHIELD HASN'T CAUGHT US YET! ONCE PAST HIM, WE CAN STILL ESCAPE!
MY PERSONAL GUARDS! I HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU!
YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF BY PRETENSE!
IMPERIAL HYDRA MUST HAVE ALREADY ESCAPED!
YOU ARE NOT ONE OF US!
SHOOT THIS DOLT, AND LET US FIND OUR LEADER!
YOU FOOLS! I AM IMPERIAL HYDRA!
DO YOU TAKE US FOR CHILDREN?? HYDRA WAS A GIANT OF A MAN... MASSIVE, POWERFUL!
I WORE PADDED ROBES... BUILT-UP SHOES! I DID IT TO IMPRESS YOU....!
A LIKELY STORY!
YOU MUST BELIEVE ME! LISTEN..HAIL HYDRA! IMMORTAL HYDRA! WE SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED!
CUT OFF A LIMB, AND TWO MORE SHALL TAKE ITS PLACE!
SILENCE HIM! FOR AN IMPOSTOR TO RECITE OUR OATH IS BLASPHEMY!
NOW QUICKLY! WE MUST REJOIN THE MASTER!
HAIL HYD... UHHHHH...


EXACTLY THREE SECONDS LATER...
THAT SHOT! WAS IT...? OH, NO! NO!
CRASH!
LOOK! TWO HYDRA HOODS... TRYING TO ESCAPE BELOW!
HALT! IN THE NAME OF SHIELD! OKAY, THEN ...WE'LL PLAY IT YOUR WAY..!
PAKKA
-THOK
NOBODY HERE... 'CEPTIN' THAT GUY ON THE FLOOR!
WE'RE TOO LATE! WHOEVER HE IS.. HE'S HAD IT!
DAD...DAD! I..I KNOW THAT YOU DID IT FOR ME! IN YOUR STRANGE, TWISTED, PITIFUL BLINDNESS, YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE GIVING ME THE WORLD! ...WHEN ALL I EVER WANTED WAS MERELY...
YOU!
HE HAD THE MOST PRECIOUS THING IN THE WHOLE COCK-EYED WORLD... HIS KID'S LOVE...
YEAH! 'N HE TOSSED IT DOWN THE DRAIN..!
WHAT HAPPENS TO THE GIRL NOW, FURY? THE NEWSPAPERS'LL HAVE YER HIDE IF YOU LET 'ER GO SCOT FREE!
YOU'RE TELLIN' ME!
NICK! TAKE A SQUINT AT THESE WHACKY-LOOKIN' SHOES I FOUND HIDDEN HERE!
THEY GOT SOME KINDA VACUUM SOLES THERE! LET'S HAVE 'EM, GABE!
THEN, GRASPING THE SPECIALLY-CONSTRUCTED SHOES, NICK FURY PRESSES A CONTROL STUD... AND, THE NEXT INSTANT...
MAN! FEEL THAT FORCE! THEY GOT THE PULLIN' POWER OF A HUNDRED CRAZY VACUUM CLEANERS!
BUT... WHAT ARE THEY USED FOR?
WHOOOSH!

I HAVE HEARD MY FATHER SPEAK OF THEM! THEY WERE DESIGNED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOVING UP AND DOWN SHEER WALLS!
YEAH? SUPPOSE YA GIVE US A LOOK-SEE, LADY?
HEY, FURY! HOLD ON! YA CAN'T LET HER USE 'EM!
DUM DUM, DID I EVER TELL YA WHAT A BIG, FAT, LOUD MOUTH YA GOT??
BUT, FER THE LUVVA PETE, COLONEL! WITH A PAIR OF CLOD-HOPPERS LIKE THEM ON HER FEET, SHES LIABLE TO GIT AWAY FROM US!
YEAH! WOULDN'T THAT BE A CRYIN' SHAME?!!
THWUP!
THWUP!
HE IS RIGHT, COLONEL FURY! WITH THESE VACUUM SHOES ON MY FEET, I COULD ESCAPE IF I ONCE ROUND THE CORNER!
DON'T TELL ME YER TROUBLES, LADY! JUST KEEP SHOWIN' ME HOW THOSE NUTTY THINGS WORK, HEAR?
YOU MEAN..?
DO I HAVETA SPELL IT OUT TO YA?
I HAVE KNOWN MANY MEN IN MY LIFE, BUT I NEVER HAVE KNOWN... I NEVER SHALL KNOW... ANOTHER OF THE CALIBER OF NICK FURY!
COLONEL! DUM DUM WAS RIGHT! SHE'S TRYIN' TO GET AWAY!
YA DON'T SAY!
IF YOU'LL STAND AS DE SIR... PERHAPS WE CAN STILL STOP-HER!
SHE HASN'T ROUNDED THE CORNER YET! IF I CAN JUST..!
PUT THAT BLASTER DOWN! YER TOO LATE!
BUT SHE'S STILL IN RANGE! IF YOU'LL JUST LET GO..!
SCRATCH IT! THAT'S AN ORDER, MISTER!
YOU MULE-HEADED, THICK-SKINNED, LAME-BRAINED PROFESSIONAL NUT! THE PRESS'LL ROAST YA ALIVE FOR LETTIN' HER GET AWAY!
WOTTA PITY! I'M WORRIED SICK ABOUT IT!
NOW YOU TWO MEAT-HEADS TAKE A WEEK OFF! I'M SICKA LOOKIN' AT YER UGLY PANS!
A FURLOUGH! HOW ABOUT THAT?!


BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, NICK?
THAT'S MY BUSINESS! FINISH THE MOP-UP OPERATION HERE BEFORE YA TAKE OFF, YOU OLD WALRUS!
I'LL GIVE GABE A LIFT BACK TO HQ IN THE SAUCER! SEE IF YOU CAN GIT ALONG WITHOUT US FOR A WHILE, YA GRINNIN' GOLDBRICK!
SHE OUGHTTA BE SAFE BY NOW! MEBBE I SHOULDN'TA LET HER GO... BUT IN MY BOOK, WHEN A GAL SAVES YER LIFE, YOU KINDA OWE HER SOMETHIN'!
WANT ME TO DRIVE FOR YOU, COLONEL? I'LL BET YOU AIN'T SHUT YOUR EYES IN MORE'N THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS!
WHEN I NEED A WET-NURSE, JONES, I'LL LETCHA KNOW!
NOW LET'S SEE HOW THIS NUTTY HOTROD WORKS!
HYDRA NEVER SAW THE DAY WHEN THEY CO'''LD BUILD ANY KI A MACHINE THAT AN AGENT OF SHIELD COULDN'T DOPE OUT!
JUST LIKE I THOUGHT! THE GIZMO ON THE WHEEL OPENS THE SLIDING DOORS AHEAD... NOW WE'RE READY TO ROLL!
WHIRRR!
WHI RR!
HANG ONTO YER HAT, MISTER JONES! WE'RE GONNA MOVE!
NO WONDER IT WAS SO HARD TO CATCH A HYDRA AGENT! THEY HAD THEIR OWN PRIVATE ESCAPE ROUTE RIGHT UNDER THE CITY!
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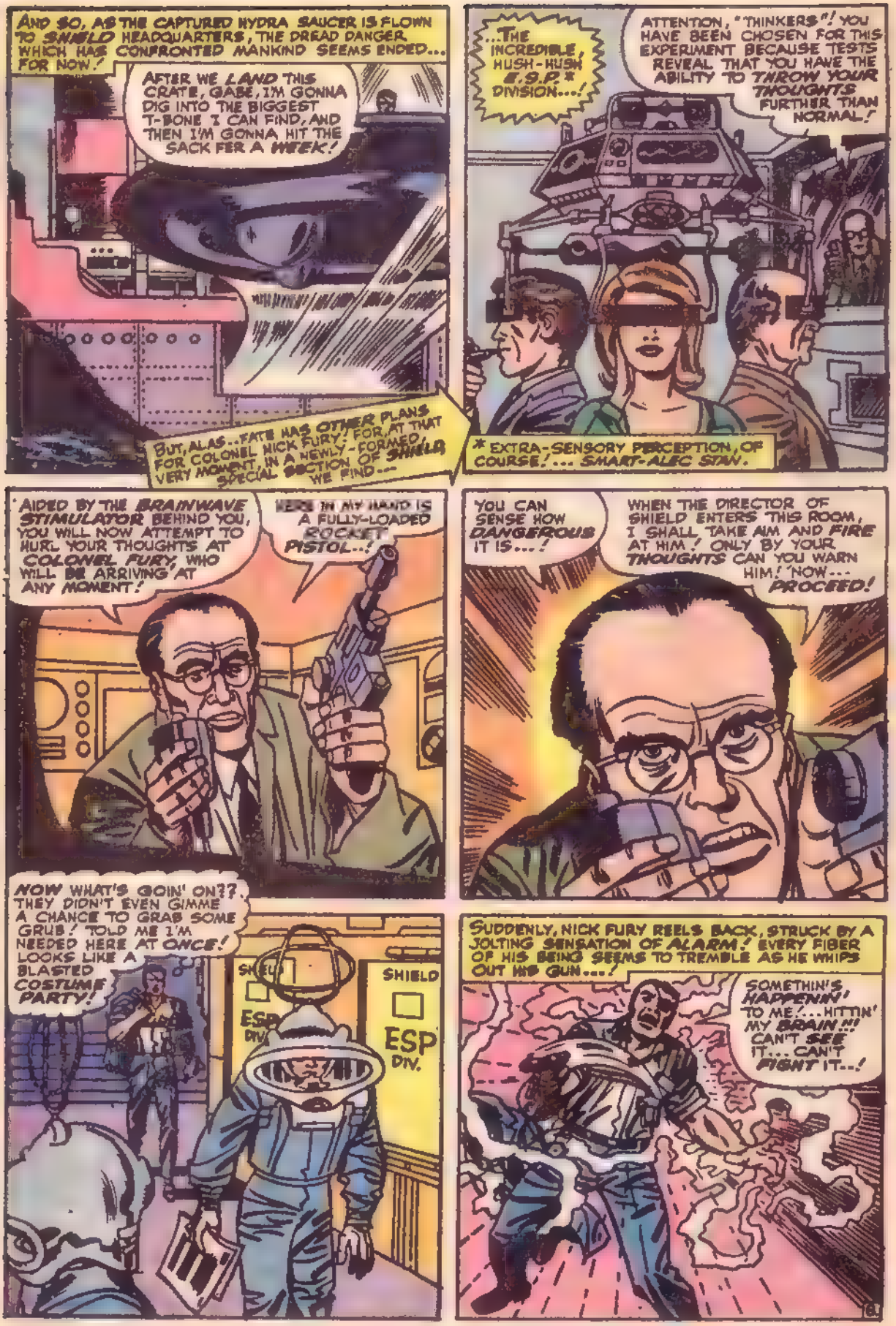
AND SO, AS THE CAPTURED HYDRA SAUCER IS FLOWN TO SHIELD HEADQUARTERS, THE DREAD DANGER WHICH HAS CONFRONTED MANKIND SEEMS ENDED... FOR NOW!
AFTER WE LAND THIS CRATE, GABE, I'M GONNA DIG INTO THE BIGGEST T-BONE I CAN FIND, AND THEN I'M GONNA HIT THE SACK FER A WEEK!
BUT, ALAS...FATE HAS OTHER PLANS FOR COLONEL NICK FURY! FOR, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN A NEWLY-FORMED, SPECIAL SECTION OF SHIELD WE FIND...
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AIDED BY THE BRAINWAVE STIMULATOR BEHIND YOU, YOU WILL NOW ATTEMPT TO HURL YOUR THOUGHTS AT COLONEL FURY, WHO WILL BE ARRIVING AT ANY MOMENT!
HERE IN MY HAND IS A FULLY-LOADED ROCKET PISTOL..!
YOU CAN SENSE HOW DANGEROUS IT IS...!
WHEN THE DIRECTOR OF SHIELD ENTERS THIS ROOM, I SHALL TAKE AIM AND FIRE AT HIM! ONLY BY YOUR THOUGHTS CAN YOU WARN HIM! NOW... PROCEED!
NOW WHAT'S GOIN' ON?? THEY DIDN'T EVEN GIMME A CHANCE TO GRAB SOME GRUB! TOLD ME I'M NEEDED HERE AT ONCE! LOOKS LIKE A BLASTED COSTUME PARTY!
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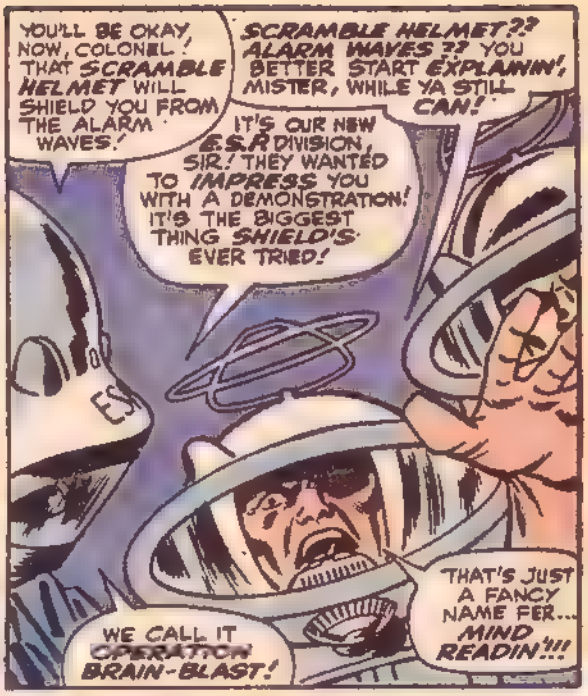
SUDDENLY, NICK FURY REELS BACK, STRUCK BY A JOLTING SENSATION OF ALARM! EVERY FIBER OF HIS BEING SEEMS TO TREMBLE AS HE WHIPS OUT HIS GUN...!
SOMETHIN'S HAPPENIN' TO ME!...HITTIN' MY BRAIN!! ...CAN'T SEE IT... CAN'T FIGHT IT..!

QUICK! GET THE SCRAMBLE HELMET ON 'IM!
THE TEST WORKED! THE "THINKERS" WARNED HIM BEFORE HE COULD REACH THE DOOR!
I STILL SAY THIS IS ONE HECKUVA WAY TO GREET THE BOSS!


YOU'LL BE OKAY, NOW, COLONEL! THAT SCRAMBLE HELMET WILL SHIELD YOU FROM THE ALARM WAVES!
SCRAMBLE HELMET?? ALARM WAVES?? YOU BETTER START EXPLAININ', MISTER, WHILE YA STILL CAN!
IT'S OUR NEW E.S.R DIVISION, SIR! THEY WANTED TO IMPRESS YOU WITH A DEMONSTRATION! IT'S THE BIGGEST THING SHIELD'S EVER TRIED!
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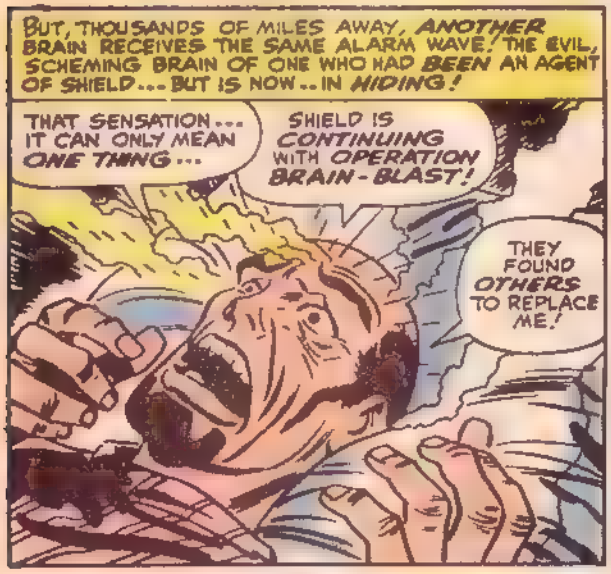
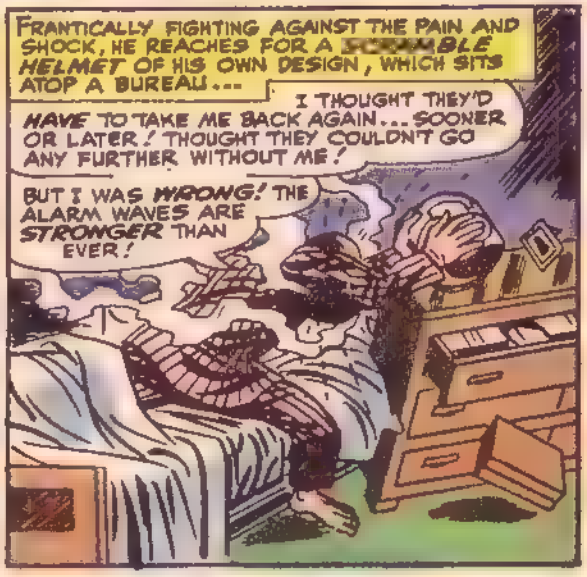
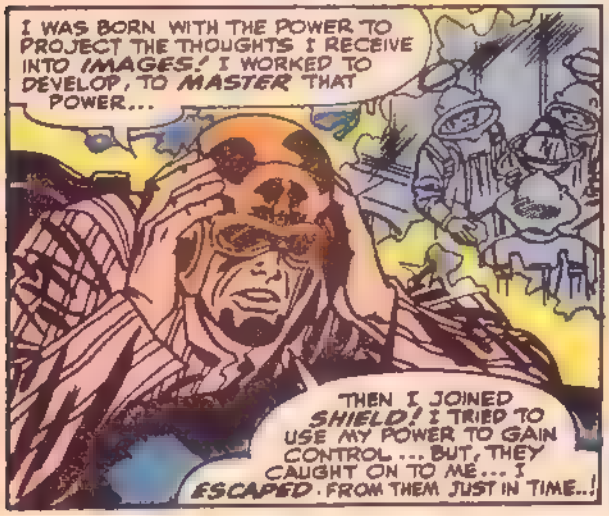
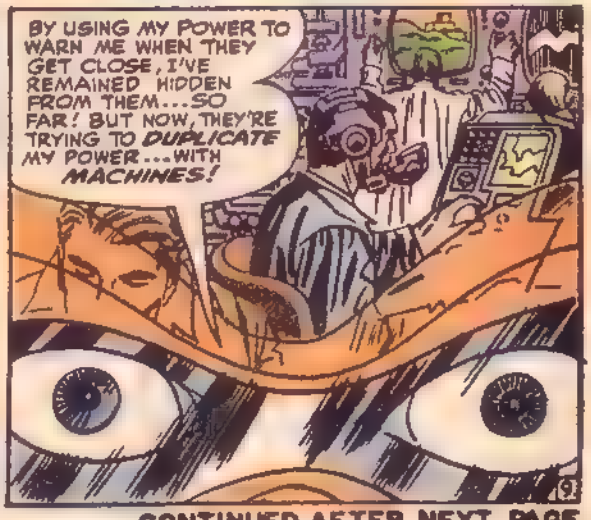
THAT'S JUST A FANCY NAME FER... MIND READIN'!!!


BUT, THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, ANOTHER BRAIN RECEIVES THE SAME ALARM WAVE! THE EVIL, SCHEMING BRAIN OF ONE WHO HAD BEEN AN AGENT OF SHIELD... BUT IS NOW.. IN HIDING!
THAT SENSATION... IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
SHIELD IS CONTINUING WITH OPERATION BRAIN-BLAST!
THEY FOUND OTHERS TO REPLACE ME!


FRANTICALLY FIGHTING AGAINST THE PAIN AND SHOCK, HE REACHES FOR A SCRAMBLE HELMET OF HIS OWN DESIGN, WHICH SITS ATOP A BUREAU...
I THOUGHT THEY'D HAVE TO TAKE ME BACK AGAIN... SOONER OR LATER! THOUGHT THEY COULDN'T GO ANY FURTHER WITHOUT ME!
BUT I WAS WRONG! THE ALARM WAVES ARE STRONGER THAN EVER!


I WAS BORN WITH THE POWER TO PROJECT THE THOUGHTS I RECEIVE INTO IMAGES! I WORKED TO DEVELOP, TO MASTER THAT POWER...
THEN I JOINED SHIELD! I TRIED TO USE MY POWER TO GAIN CONTROL... BUT, THEY CAUGHT ON TO ME... I ESCAPED FROM THEM JUST IN TIME..!


BY USING MY POWER TO WARN ME WHEN THEY GET CLOSE, I'VE REMAINED HIDDEN FROM THEM... SO FAR! BUT NOW, THEY'RE TRYING TO DUPLICATE MY POWER... WITH MACHINES!
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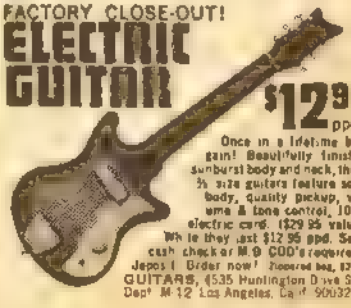

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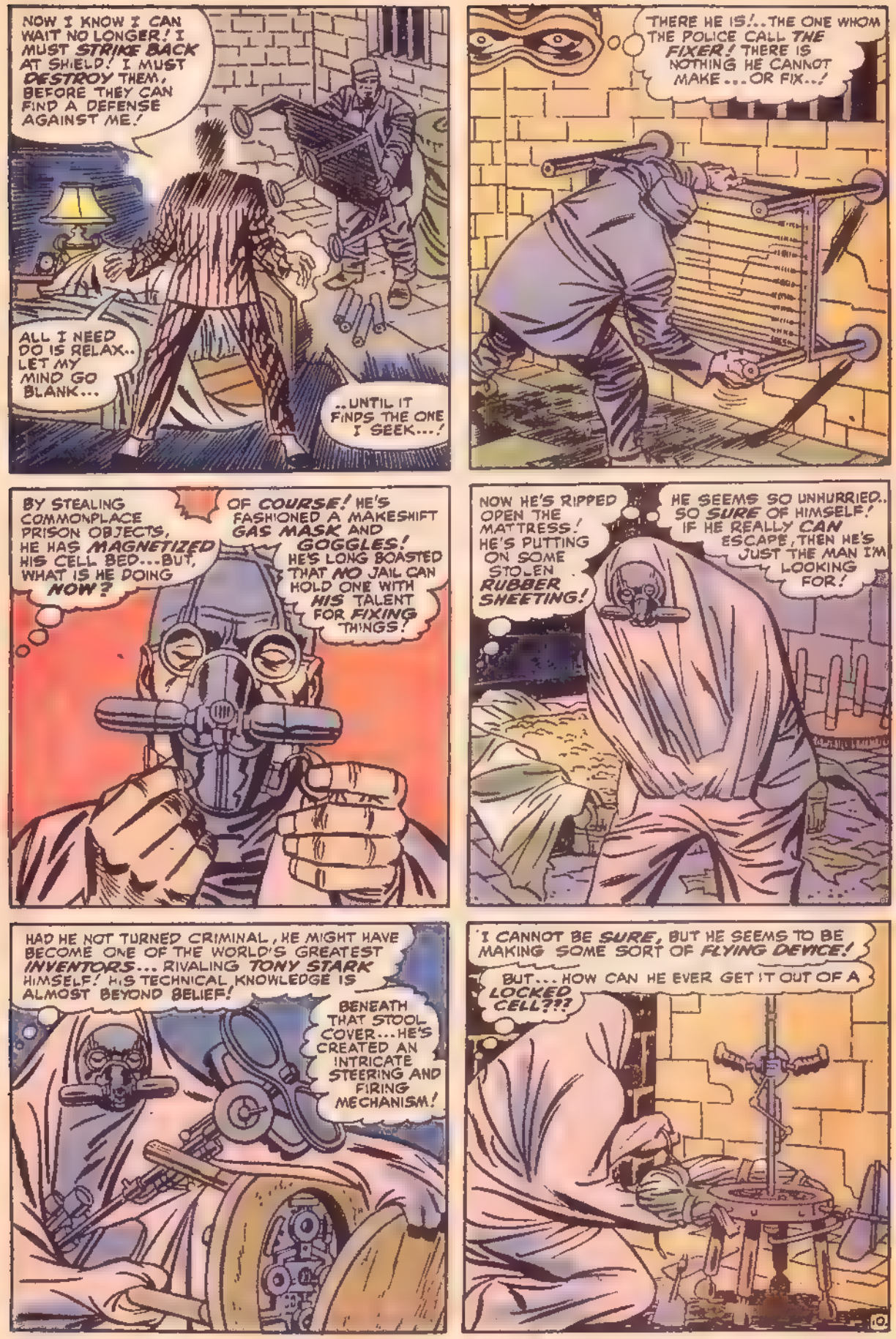
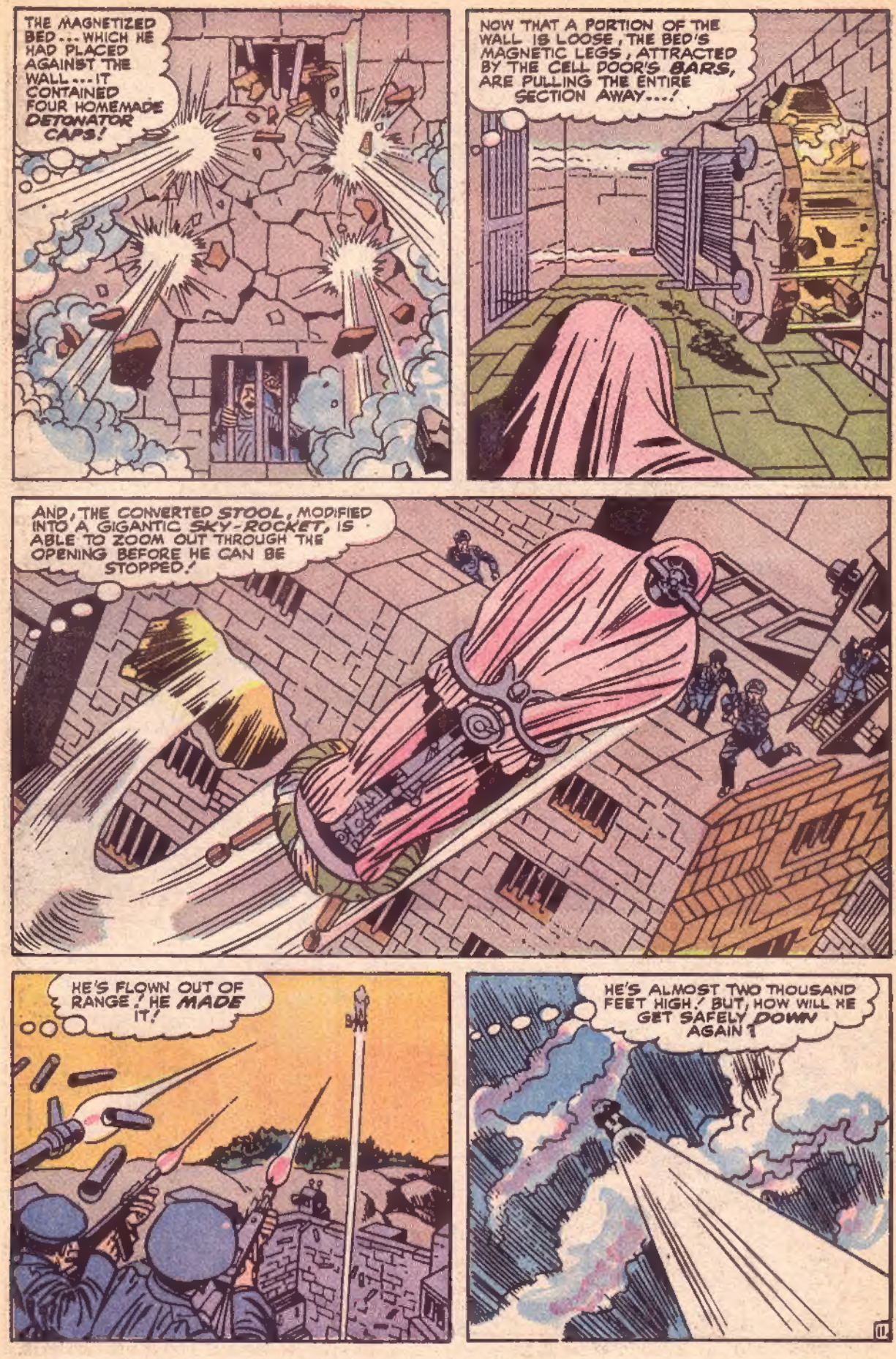

NOW I KNOW I CAN WAIT NO LONGER! I MUST STRIKE BACK AT SHIELD! I MUST DESTROY THEM, BEFORE THEY CAN FIND A DEFENSE AGAINST ME!
ALL I NEED DO IS RELAX.. LET MY MIND GO BLANK...
..UNTIL IT FINDS THE ONE I SEEK...!
THERE HE IS!..THE ONE WHOM THE POLICE CALL THE FIXER! THERE IS NOTHING HE CANNOT MAKE...OR FIX..!
BY STEALING COMMONPLACE PRISON OBJECTS, HE HAS MAGNETIZED HIS CELL BED...BUT, WHAT IS HE DOING NOW?
OF COURSE! HE'S FASHIONED A MAKESHIFT GAS MASK AND GOGGLES! HE'S LONG BOASTED THAT NO JAIL CAN HOLD ONE WITH HIS TALENT FOR FIXING THINGS!
NOW HE'S RIPPED OPEN THE MATTRESS! HE'S PUTTING ON SOME STOLEN RUBBER SHEETING!
HE SEEMS SO UNHURRIED.. SO SURE OF HIMSELF! IF HE REALLY CAN ESCAPE, THEN HE'S JUST THE MAN I'M LOOKING FOR!
HAD HE NOT TURNED CRIMINAL, HE MIGHT HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST INVENTORS... RIVALING TONY STARK HIMSELF! HIS TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE IS ALMOST BEYOND BELIEF!
BENEATH THAT STOOL COVER...HE'S CREATED AN INTRICATE STEERING AND FIRING MECHANISM!
I CANNOT BE SURE, BUT HE SEEMS TO BE MAKING SOME SORT OF FLYING DEVICE!
BUT... HOW CAN HE EVER GET IT OUT OF A LOCKED CELL???


THE MAGNETIZED BED... WHICH HE HAD PLACED AGAINST THE WALL... IT CONTAINED FOUR HOMEMADE DETONATOR CAPS!
NOW THAT A PORTION OF THE WALL IS LOOSE, THE BED'S MAGNETIC LEGS, ATTRACTED BY THE CELL DOOR'S BARS, ARE PULLING THE ENTIRE SECTION AWAY...!
AND, THE CONVERTED STOOL, MODIFIED INTO A GIGANTIC SKY-ROCKET, IS ABLE TO ZOOM OUT THROUGH THE OPENING BEFORE HE CAN BE STOPPED!
HE'S FLOWN OUT OF RANGE! HE MADE IT!
HE'S ALMOST TWO THOUSAND FEET HIGH! BUT, HOW WILL HE GET SAFELY DOWN AGAIN?
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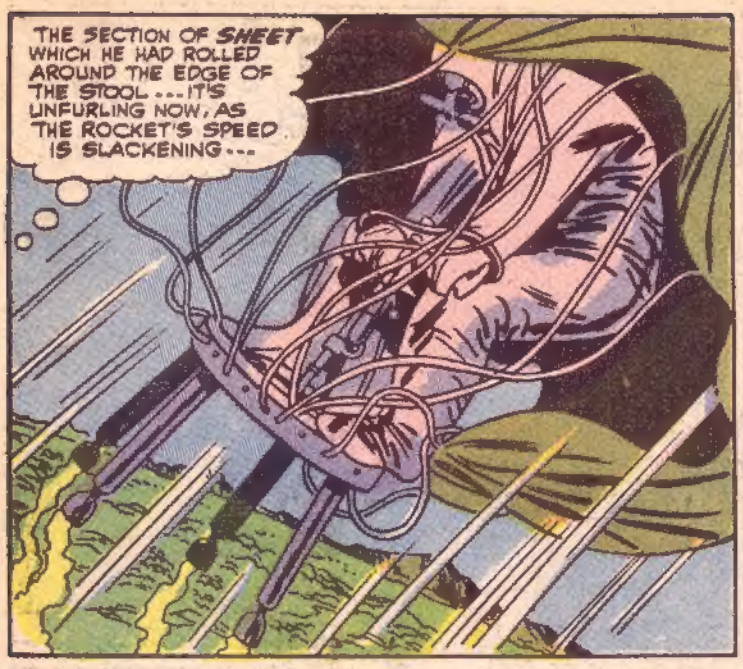
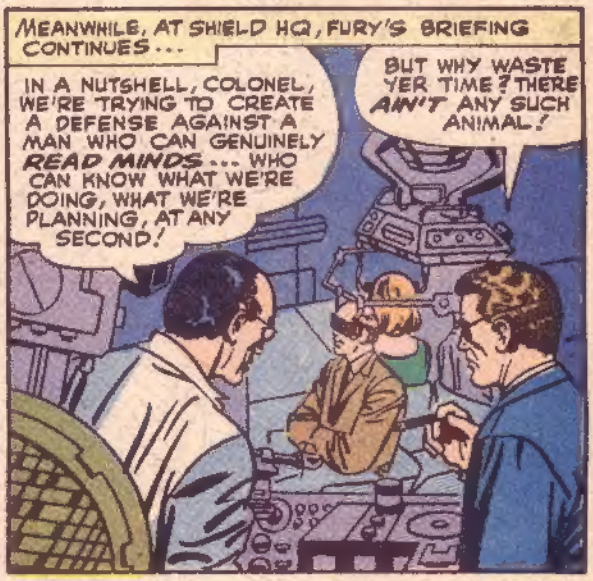

THE SECTION OF SHEET WHICH HE HAD ROLLED AROUND THE EDGE OF THE STOOL ... IT'S UNFURLING NOW, AS THE ROCKET'S SPEED IS SLACKENING ...

THE FIXER WAS TRUE TO HIS WORD! NO JAIL COULD HOLD HIM!

WHAT A TEAM WE SHALL MAKE! WITH MY BRAIN, THERE CAN BE NO SECRETS FROM ME! I CAN SEE EVERYTHING ... LEARN ANYTHING! EVEN SHIELD WILL BE HELPLESS TO COPE WITH ME!
AND THE FIXER SHALL FASHION ME WEAPONS.. WEAPONS SUCH AS THE WORLD HAS NEVER DREAMED OF! TOGETHER, WE CAN RULE MANKIND!


MEANWHILE, AT SHIELD HQ, FURY'S BRIEFING CONTINUES ...
IN A NUTSHELL, COLONEL, WE'RE TRYING TO CREATE A DEFENSE AGAINST A MAN WHO CAN GENUINELY READ MINDS ... WHO CAN KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING, WHAT WE'RE PLANNING, AT ANY SECOND!
BUT WHY WASTE YER TIME? THERE AIN'T ANY SUCH ANIMAL!

UNFORTUNATELY, COLONEL FURY, YOU'RE MISTAKEN! SUCH A ONE DOES EXIST!
WHAT?!! HOW DO YA KNOW?? WHERE IS HE? I WANNA SEE 'IM!

WE'D LIKE TO SEE HIM, TOO! HE WORKED FOR US, BRIEFLY ... WE DIDN'T SUSPECT HIS POWER ... UNTIL HE HAD ESCAPED! NOW, WE CANNOT FIND HIM!
YA MEAN YOU LET 'IM GET AWAY!
IF HE'S WHAT YA SAY, HE'S THE MOST DANGEROUS GUY IN THE WORLD!

NO ONE COULD KEEP ANY SECRETS FROM 'IM! NO ONE COULD TRAP 'IM .. OR TAKE 'IM BY SURPRISE! HE COULD DESTROY SHIELD ... SINGLE-HANDED!
ONE MAN, WITH THE MOST AWESOME POWER OF ALL ... TEAMED UP WITH ANOTHER, WHOSE INGENUITY DEFIES BELIEF! CAN TWO SUCH AS THESE SUCCEED WHERE THE HORDES OF HYDRA HAVE FAILED?
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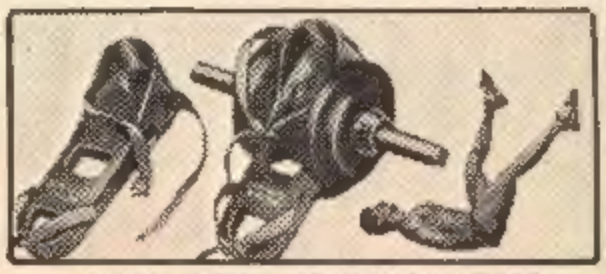

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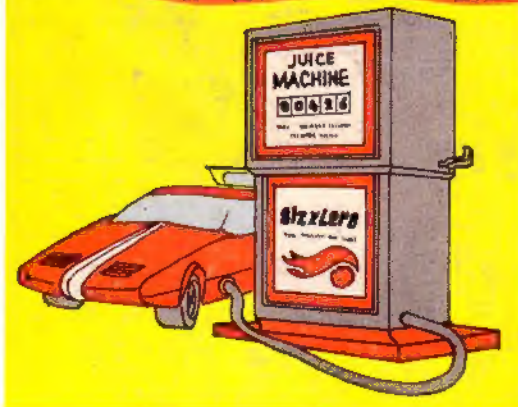

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